

THE INTRAMOLECULAR BUCHNER REACTION OF α -DIAZO- β -
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ABSTRACT

Since its discovery in 1896, the Buchner reaction has fascinated chemists for more than a century. The highly reactive nature of the carbene intermediates allows for facile dearomatization of stable aromatic rings, and provides access to a diverse array of cyclopropane and seven-membered ring architectures. The power inherent in this transformation has been exploited in the context of a natural product total synthesis and methodology studies.

The total synthesis work details efforts employed in the enantioselective total synthesis of (+)-salvileucalin B. The fully-substituted cyclopropane within the core of the molecule arises from an unprecedented intramolecular Buchner reaction involving a highly functionalized arene and an α -diazo- β -ketonitrile. An unusual retro-Claisen rearrangement of a complex late-stage intermediate was discovered on route to the natural product.

The unique reactivity of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles toward arene cyclopropanation was then investigated in a broader methodological study. This specific di-substituted diazo moiety possesses hitherto unreported selectivity in intramolecular Buchner reactions. This technology was enables the preparation of highly functionalized norcaradienes and cyclopropanes, which themselves undergo various ring opening transformations to afford complex polycyclic structures.

Finally, an enantioselective variant of the intramolecular Buchner reaction is described. Various chiral copper and dirhodium catalysts afforded moderate stereinduction in the cyclization event.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

$[\alpha]_D$	angle of optical rotation of plane-polarized light
Å	angstrom(s)
<i>p</i> -ABSA	<i>para</i> -acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide
Ac	acetyl
APCI	atmospheric pressure chemical ionization
app	apparent
aq	aqueous
Ar	aryl group
At	benztriazolyl
atm	atmosphere(s)
BHT	2,6-di- <i>tert</i> -butyl-4-methylphenol (“ <u>b</u> utylated <u>h</u> ydroxy <u>t</u> oluene”)
Bn	benzyl
Boc	<i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl
bp	boiling point
br	broad
Bu	butyl
<i>i</i> -Bu	<i>iso</i> -butyl
<i>n</i> -Bu	butyl or <i>norm</i> -butyl
<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>tert</i> -butyl
Bz	benzoyl
C	cytosine
<i>c</i>	concentration of sample for measurement of optical rotation

^{13}C	carbon-13 isotope
^{14}C	carbon-14 isotope
/C	supported on activated carbon charcoal
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	degrees Celcius
calc'd	calculated
CAN	ceric ammonium nitrate
Cbz	benzyloxycarbonyl
CCDC	Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre
CDI	1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole
cf.	consult or compare to (Latin: <i>confer</i>)
cm^{-1}	wavenumber(s)
cod	1,5-cyclooctadiene
comp	complex
conc.	concentrated
Cy	cyclohexyl
CSA	camphor sulfonic acid
d	doublet
<i>d</i>	dextrorotatory
D	deuterium
dba	dibenzylideneacetone
DBU	1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
DCE	1,2-dichloroethane
<i>de</i>	diastereomeric excess

DIAD	diisopropyl azodicarboxylate
DMAD	dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate
DMAP	4-dimethylaminopyridine
DME	1,2-dimethoxyethane
DMF	<i>N,N</i> -dimethylformamide
DMSO	dimethylsulfoxide
DMTS	dimethylhexylsilyl
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DPPA	diphenylphosphorylazide
dppp	1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane
dr	diastereomeric ratio
DTT	dithiothreitol
<i>ee</i>	enantiomeric excess
E	methyl carboxylate (CO_2CH_3)
E^+	electrophile
<i>E</i>	trans (entgegen) olefin geometry
EC_{50}	median effective concentration (50%)
e.g.	for example (Latin: <i>exempli gratia</i>)
EI	electron impact
eq	equation
ESI	electrospray ionization
Et	ethyl
<i>et al.</i>	and others (Latin: <i>et alii</i>)

FAB	fast atom bombardment
Fmoc	fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl
g	gram(s)
G	guanine
h	hour(s)
^1H	proton
^2H	deuterium
^3H	tritium
[H]	reduction
HATU	2-(7-aza-1 <i>H</i> -benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate
HMDS	hexamethyldisilamide or hexamethyldisilazide
HMPT	hexamethylphosphoramide
$h\nu$	light
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
HRMS	high resolution mass spectrometry
Hz	hertz
IC_{50}	half maximal inhibitory concentration (50%)
i.e.	that is (Latin: <i>id est</i>)
IR	infrared spectroscopy
J	coupling constant
k	rate constant
kcal	kilocalorie(s)
kg	kilogram(s)

L	liter or neutral ligand
<i>l</i>	levorotatory
LA	Lewis acid
LD ₅₀	median lethal dose (50%)
LDA	lithium diisopropylamide
LTMP	lithium 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidide
m	multiplet or meter(s)
M	molar or molecular ion
<i>m</i>	meta
μ	micro
<i>m</i> -CPBA	<i>meta</i> -chloroperbenzoic acid
Me	methyl
mg	milligram(s)
MHz	megahertz
MIC	minimum inhibitory concentration
min	minute(s)
mL	milliliter(s)
MM	mixed method
mol	mole(s)
MOM	methoxymethyl
mp	melting point
Ms	methanesulfonyl (mesyl)
MS	molecular sieves

m/z	mass-to-charge ratio
N	normal or molar
NBS	<i>N</i> -bromosuccinimide
nm	nanometer(s)
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
NOE	nuclear Overhauser effect
NOESY	nuclear Overhauser enhancement spectroscopy
Nu^-	nucleophile
<i>o</i>	ortho
[O]	oxidation
<i>t</i> -Oct	<i>tert</i> -octyl (1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)
<i>p</i>	para
PCC	pyridinium chlorochromate
PDC	pyridinium dichromate
Ph	phenyl
pH	hydrogen ion concentration in aqueous solution
$\text{p}K_a$	acid dissociation constant
PMB	<i>para</i> -methoxybenzyl
ppm	parts per million
PPTS	pyridinium <i>para</i> -toluenesulfonate
Pr	propyl
<i>i</i> -Pr	isopropyl
<i>n</i> -Pr	propyl or <i>norm</i> -propyl

psi	pounds per square inch
py	pyridine
q	quartet
R	alkyl group
<i>R</i>	rectus
REDAL	sodium bis(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminum hydride
ref	reference
R_f	retention factor
RNA	ribonucleic acid
s	singlet or seconds
s	selectivity factor = $k_{\text{rel(fast/slow)}} = \ln[(1 - C)(1 - ee)] / \ln[(1 - C)(1 + ee)]$, where C = conversion
<i>S</i>	sinister
sat.	saturated
SEM	2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl
SOD	superoxide dismutase
Su	succinimide
t	triplet
T	thymine
TBAF	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium fluoride
TBAT	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium difluorotriphenylsilicate
TBDPS	<i>tert</i> -butyldiphenylsilyl
TBS	<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl
TCA	trichloroacetic acid

temp	temperature
TES	triethylsilyl
Tf	trifluoromethanesulfonyl
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
TFE	2,2,2-trifluoroethanol
THF	tetrahydrofuran
THIQ	tetrahydroisoquinoline
TIPS	triisopropylsilyl
TLC	thin layer chromatography
TMEDA	<i>N,N,N',N'</i> -tetramethylethylenediamine
TMS	trimethylsilyl
TOF	time-of-flight
tol	tolyl
Troc	2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl
Ts	<i>para</i> -toluenesulfonyl (tosyl)
UV	ultraviolet
w/v	weight per volume
v/v	volume per volume
X	anionic ligand or halide
Z	cis (zusammen) olefin geometry

Chapter 1

The Intramolecular Buchner Reaction

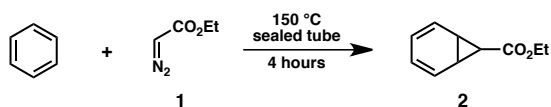
1.1 INTRODUCTION

The cyclopropane motif is of indisputable importance to the field of chemistry.¹ In addition to the prevalence of three membered rings wide array of chemical entities,² cyclopropanes have been realized as valuable synthetic intermediates capable of undergoing myriad transformations.³ The synthesis of cyclopropanes has thus captured the interest of chemists for more than a century. Since the first known synthesis of cyclopropane by Freund in 1882,⁴ numerous strategies have been developed to access this moiety.⁵ One involves the generation of metal carbenoids from diazo compounds; this method accesses reactive intermediates that participate in formal 2+1 cycloadditions reactions to afford cyclopropane products.^{5f}

The first synthesis of a diazo compound is attributed to Curtius in 1883, who reported the diazotization of natural α -amino acids to afford ethyl diazoacetate (EDA).⁶ In 1896, Buchner and Curtius investigated the thermolysis of ethyl diazoacetate in

benzene, which they proposed resulted in the formation of the corresponding norcaradiene (Scheme 1.1).⁷ This transformation is now known as the Buchner reaction, and since this seminal discovery numerous chemists have contributed to the development of cyclopropanation with diazo compounds throughout the 20th century.⁸ The remarkable diversity of cyclopropane structures that can be prepared from the reaction of diazo reagents with alkenes or arenes speaks to the power of this transformation.^{5f}

Scheme 1.1. Buchner's initial report on the reaction of EDA and benzene



The use of transition metals to catalyze the cyclopropanation reactions of diazo compounds has transformed this area of research.⁹ For more than half of the preceding century the utility of diazo reagents for intermolecular cyclopropanation was limited by the harsh reaction conditions required for de-diazotization and the poor selectivity exhibited by the resulting carbenes.¹⁰ Although the first metal-catalyzed decomposition of ethyl diazoacetate dates back to 1906,¹¹ it wasn't until the 1960's and 1970's that the methodology involving homogeneous catalysts gained wider adoption in synthetic contexts.¹²

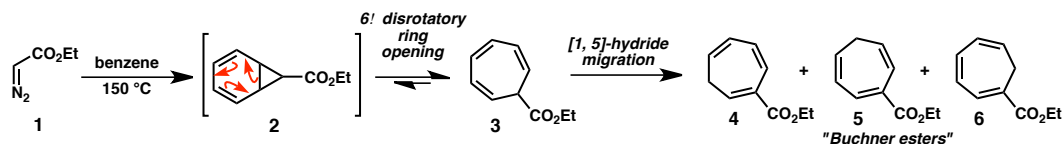
This chapter will focus on specifically the methodological development of the intramolecular arene cyclopropanation, and highlight the power of the transformation in selected total synthesis reports. The ensuing chapters will detail the applicability of intramolecular arene cyclopropanation in a total synthesis work and methodology study.

1.2 THE INTRAMOLECULAR BUCHNER REACTION[†]

1.2.1 Historical Development of the Buchner Reaction

In 1896, Buchner and Curtius reported the reaction between benzene and ethyl diazoacetate.⁷ Although Buchner originally proposed the product of this reaction was norcaradiene **2**, Doering and co-workers,¹³ with the assistance of modern NMR techniques, subsequently characterized the products as a mixture of cycloheptatrienes **4–6** (Scheme 1.2).¹⁴ Since this discovery, the non-catalyzed and metal-mediated variants of this reaction have become important methods for the preparation of seven-membered rings.^{10a}

Scheme 1.2. The Buchner reaction

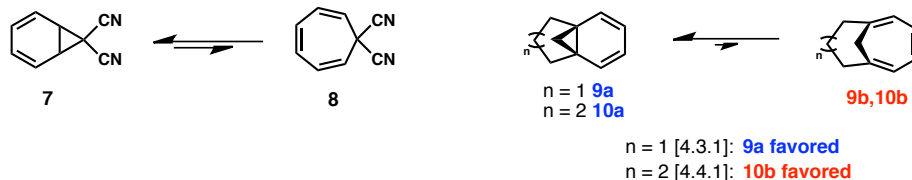


We now understand that cycloheptatriene (CHT) **3** arises from reversible 6π disrotatory electrocyclic ring opening of the initially formed norcaradiene **2**, and that compounds **2** and **3** exist in a dynamic equilibrium that heavily favors **3**.¹⁵ Under the thermal conditions, 1,5-hydride migration results in isomerization of **3** to a thermodynamic mixture of cycloheptatrienes **4–6**.¹⁶ The original report by Buchner^{7,17} and subsequent findings by Doering¹³ have sparked volumes of research on the norcaradiene–

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cycloheptatriene equilibrium.^{15,18} In simple, unconstrained systems the equilibrium lies toward the cycloheptatriene species.¹⁹ However, several elegant studies have determined that a variety of steric²⁰ and electronic²¹ factors may alter this equilibrium to instead favor the norcaradiene. Ciganek was the first to report that the incorporation of two π -accepting electron-withdrawing groups at the C7 position (e.g. 7,7-dicyanonorcaradiene, **7**, Figure 1.1) result in the stabilization of the norcaradiene valence tautomer. Geometric constraints can also affect the norcaradiene-CHT equilibrium. For example, Vogel and co-workers prepared and compared the ¹H NMR spectra of two closely related compounds, **9** and **10**.²² Illustrating the influence of geometric constraints on the equilibrium, they found that for the ten-carbon system, norcaradiene **9a** predominates; on the other hand, the analogous eleven-carbon framework favors the ring-opened cycloheptatriene **10b**.

Figure 1.1. Substituent effects on the norcaradiene-cycloheptatriene equilibrium

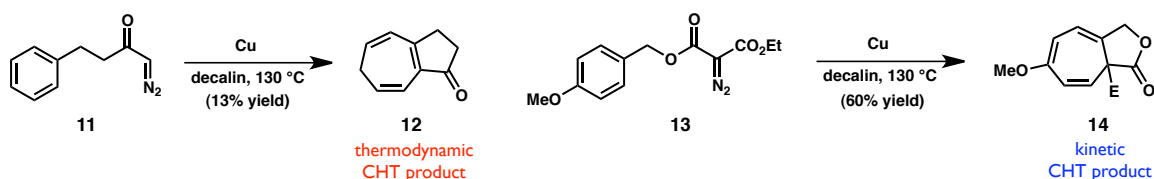


Early synthetic applications of the thermal and photochemical *intermolecular* Buchner reaction were plagued by poor yields and the formation of isomeric cycloheptatriene products that were difficult to separate.^{10a,b} Critical improvements in selectivity were achieved when the *intramolecular* Buchner reaction was investigated in combination with the use of heterogenous copper catalysts.

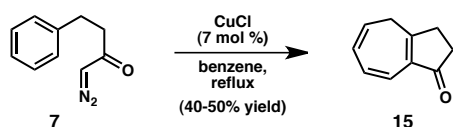
Julia *et al.* first reported the intramolecular cyclopropanation of α -diazoketones in 1970 (Scheme 1.3).²³ Despite the variable yields obtained and harsh conditions employed, the utility of the transformation to generate novel bicycle rings systems was recognized. In 1973, Scott reported that CuCl catalyzes the intramolecular Buchner reaction of phenyldiazobutane **11** to give, following 1,5-hydride migration, cross-conjugated dihydroazulenone **15** (Scheme 1.3).²⁴ Due to the labile nature of the cycloheptatriene species, however, the forcing conditions required even in the presence of copper catalysts precluded isolation of the kinetic products.

Scheme 1.3. Seminal examples of metal-catalyzed Buchner reactions

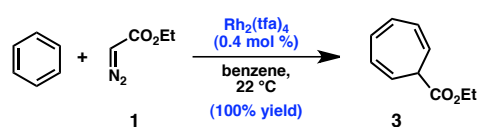
Julia:



Scott:



Noels:



The problems associated with thermal and catalytic Buchner reactions prior to 1980 were solved with the introduction of dirhodium catalysts. In their initial report, Noels and Hubert demonstrated that Rh₂(tfa)₄ catalyzes the reaction between ethyl diazoacetate (**1**) and benzene to afford the kinetic cycloheptatriene product **3** in quantitative yield (Scheme 1.3).²⁵ The reaction with various substituted benzene compounds also afforded the ring-expanded product in high yields and good positional

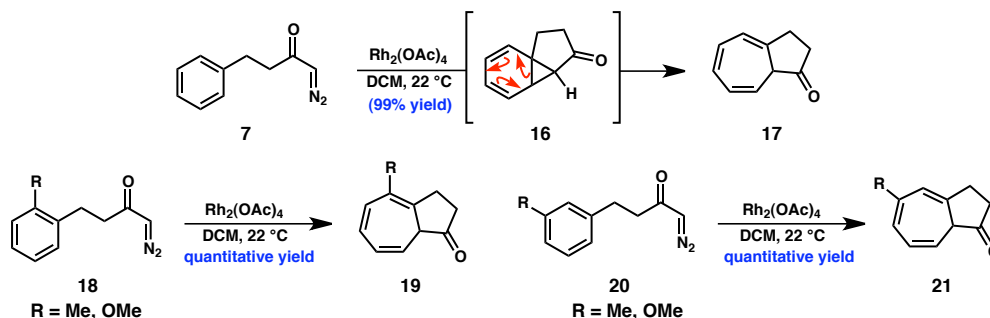
selectivity. The pitfalls endemic to the heterogeneous copper-catalyzed Buchner reaction were efficiently mitigated by the use of dirhodium catalysts, and this discovery greatly facilitated further study of this transformation. As they are the most widely employed catalysts for the Buchner reaction, development and application of Cu and Rh-catalyzed arene cyclopropanation will be reviewed in the following two sections.²⁶

1.2.2 Methodological Investigations

1.2.2.1 Dirhodium Catalysts

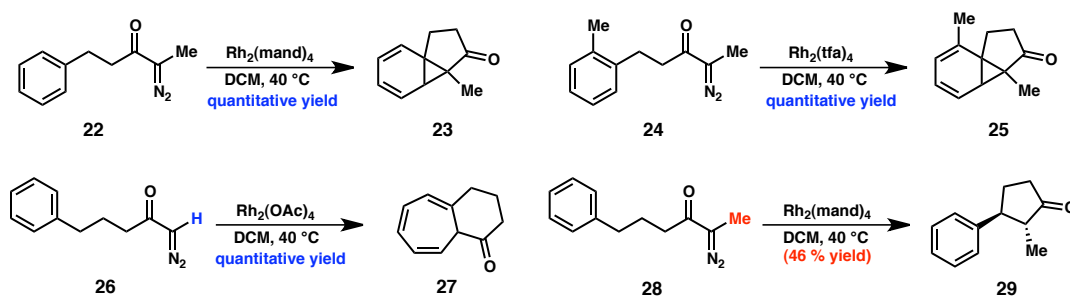
The synthetic utility of the *intramolecular* Buchner reaction was greatly improved with the advent of dirhodium(II) catalysts. Pioneering work by McKervey, Padwa, and others established the effects of arene substitution, diazo structure and catalyst electronics on the selectivity of the cyclopropanation. McKervey was first to examine the 1-diazo-4-phenylbut-2-one systems with dirhodium tetracarboxylate catalysts, and reported markedly improved yields versus the copper catalysts utilized by Julia and Scott (7, Scheme 1.4).²⁷

Scheme 1.4. The intramolecular Buchner reaction 1-diazo-4-phenylbut-2-ones



A range of arene substitution is tolerated, and it was further discovered that cyclopropanation occurs generally at the site distal to *m*- or *o*-substituents (**18** and **20**, respectively).²⁸ Subsequent studies focused on how parameters such as the diazo substitution pattern and tether length between the arene and carbonyl influenced the yield of the intramolecular Buchner reaction. To examine the impact of diazo substitution on the intramolecular cyclization, 2-diazo-5-phenylpent-3-one **22** and **24** were synthesized (Scheme 1.5).²⁹ Substrates **22** and **24** mirrored the reactivity of the analogous 1-diazo-4-phenylbut-2-one (**7** and **18**), affording products that favor the norcaradiene tautomer. Extension of the tether length in α -diazoketone compounds **26** and **28** revealed the sensitivity of the Buchner reaction to subtle structural changes. Whereas α -diazoketone **26** undergoes intramolecular cyclopropanation to yield cycloheptatriene **27**, α -diazo- β -alkylketone **28** only produces C-H insertion product **29** in modest yield.

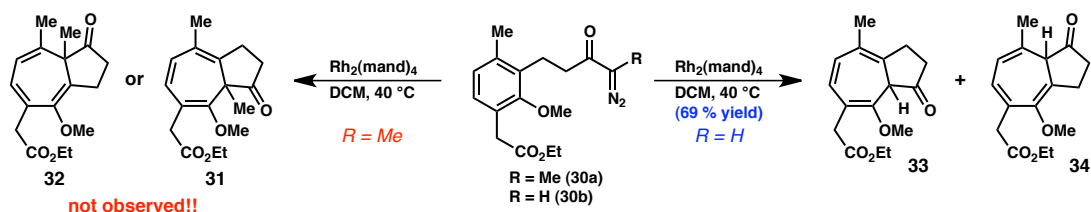
Scheme 1.5. Investigations of diazo substitution and tether length



Further limitations of the intramolecular Buchner reaction were revealed in Kennedy's work on 2,6-di-substituted arene compounds **30a,b**.³⁰ Whereas α -diazoketone **30b** readily cyclopropanates the pendant arene, α -diazo- β -alkylketone **30a** only affords a

mixture of dimeric products and neither of the cycloheptatriene isomers are observed (**31/32**, Scheme 1.6). Despite these pitfalls, the ability of metal carbenoids derived from α -diazoketones such as **30** to smoothly dearomatize arenes under mild conditions affirmed the great potential of the intramolecular Buchner reaction to synthesize complex bicycle structures.

Scheme 1.6. Investigations of arene and diazo substitution



In a series of reports,³¹ Padwa, Doyle and coworkers made significant contributions to the development of the intramolecular Buchner reaction. Their findings established that the ligand and arene electronics exert a significant impact on the chemoselectivity of intramolecular rhodium carbenoid transformations.³² A series of intramolecular competition experiments for rhodium carbenoids was undertaken, with the goal of determining reactivity trends for electronically differentiated ligands. Based on these extensive studies, reactivity trends for Rh^{II} carbenoids derived from $\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$ were established: formal aryl C–H insertion > tertiary aliphatic C–H insertion > olefin cyclopropanation ca. = Buchner reaction > secondary C–H insertion. This is in contrast to the electron rich $\text{Rh}_2(\text{cap})_4$ catalyst, which provided the following reactivity trend: olefin cyclopropanation > formal aryl C–H insertion > tertiary C–H insertion > secondary C–H insertion > Buchner reaction.³³

Compounds **35a-c** were synthesized to examine the effect of arene electronics on the intramolecular Buchner reaction. Using $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$ as the catalyst, diazoacetamide **35a** yielded a 2:1 ratio of cycloheptatriene **36a** to benzylic C–H insertion **37a** (Table 1.1). However, exposure of nitroarene **35c** to the various dirhodium catalysts resulted in predominantly C–H insertion product **37c**, regardless of ligand choice. In this case the nitro group appears to inhibit the intramolecular Buchner reaction more than the competing C–H insertion, but an inductive deactivation of the benzylic protons is nonetheless present due to appearance of β -lactam **38c**. For electron neutral- and rich-arenes (**35a,b**), the ligand electronics on dirhodium were found to override the chemoselectivity dictated by arene substitution. Whereas more electron poor catalysts favor cyclopropanation, electron-releasing ligands promote insertion into the benzylic C–H bond to form γ -lactams **37a,b**.

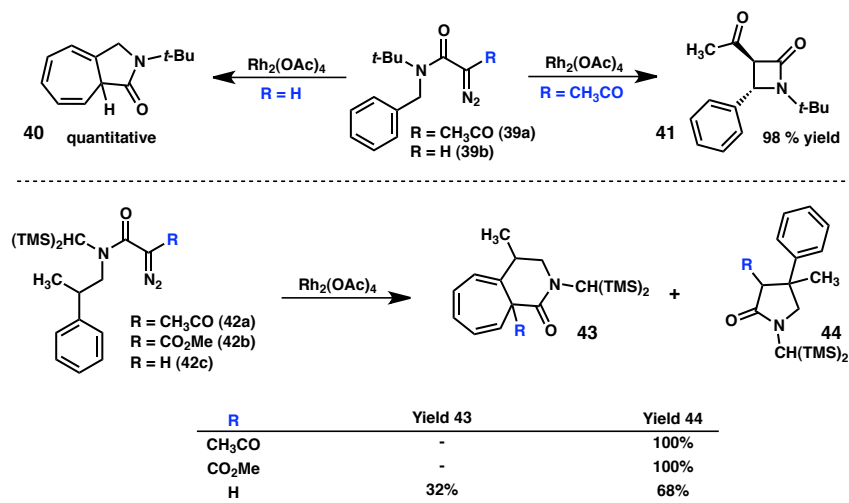
Table 1.1. Catalyst and substrate effects on chemoselectivity

Reaction scheme: $\text{35a-c} \xrightarrow{\text{catalyst}} \text{36a-c} + \text{37a-c} + \text{38a-c}$

		Catalyst	Total Yield	Relative Amounts of 36:37:38		
				36a	37a	38a
R = H (35a)	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$	80%	95	5	-	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$	85%	68	32	-	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{cap})_4$	82%	3	97	-	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{acam})_4$	80%	23	77	-	
R = OMe (35b)			36b	37b	38b	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$	93%	93	7	-	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$	90%	76	24	-	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{cap})_4$	81%	14	86	-	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{acam})_4$	80%	36	64	-	
R = NO ₂ (35c)			36c	37c	38c	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$	92%	27	60	13	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$	80%	8	77	15	
	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{acam})_4$	92%	0	97	3	

The impact of carbene substituents was also interrogated (Scheme 1.7). It was found that, irrespective of tether length, α -diazoacetamides **39b** and **42c** ($R = H$) underwent intramolecular cyclopropanation to afford cycloheptatrienes **40** and **43c**.^{31a,34} Consistent with the work of McKervy, introduction of an ester or ketone substituent completely alters the chemoselectivity of the cyclization, providing the C-H insertion products **44a** and **44b** in excellent yield. Remarkably, α -diazo- β -acetamidoketone **39a** prefers four-membered ring formation to form β -lactam **41** entirely to the alternative Buchner reaction.

Scheme 1.7. Effect of diazo substitution: divergent reactivity

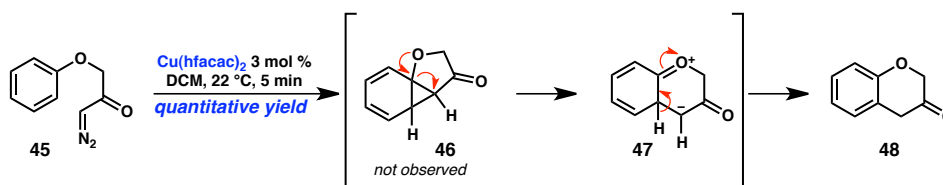


1.2.2.2 Copper Catalysts

Copper catalysts have recently re-emerged as effective promoters of the intramolecular Buchner reaction. In particular, the use of solubilizing ligands has enabled further development beyond the heterogeneous catalysts employed since the early 20th

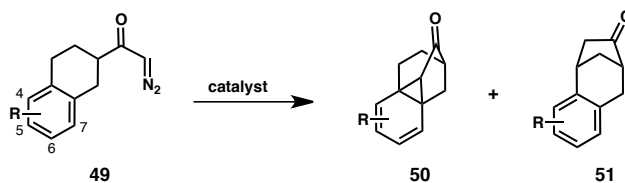
century. The discovery and application of homogeneous copper catalysts for alkene cyclopropanation expanded greatly after the seminal reports of by Nozaki^{12b,c} and Moser^{12d,e} in the late 1960's. However, the intramolecular Buchner reaction of an α -diazo

Scheme 1.8. Homogeneous copper catalysis of the intramolecular Buchner reaction



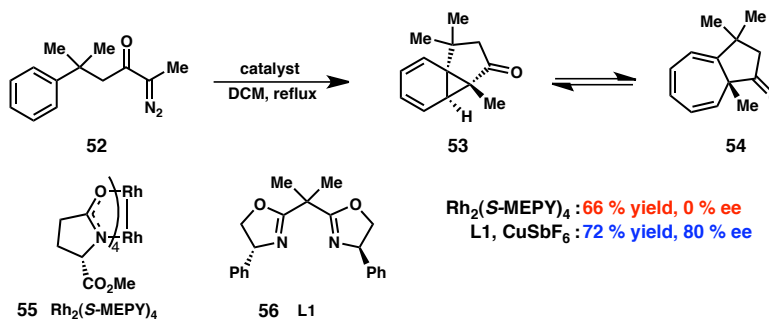
ketone using a soluble copper catalyst was not reported until 1984, when Saba disclosed that Cu(hfacac)_2 catalyzed cyclization of **45** (Scheme 1.8).³⁵ As evidenced by this example, for simple α -diazoketones the reaction rate and efficiency with soluble Cu^{II} salts rivals that of the dirhodium catalysts.

Although less frequently utilized for intramolecular arene cyclopropanation, in certain cases copper catalysts have exhibited superior chemoselectivity over complementary dirhodium catalysts. In the study of the intramolecular reaction of tetralin 2-diazo ketone **49** (Table 1.2), Mander evaluated the selectivity of both catalyst systems.³⁶ These studies revealed that the yields of arene cyclopropanation are highly dependent on both the catalyst and the arene substitution pattern. In general, rhodium catalysts provided mixtures of norcaradiene **50** and cyclopentanone **51**, sometimes favoring **51**. Alternatively, copper catalysts provided lower overall yields, but delivered better selectivity for the norcaradiene (Table 1.2, entries 2, 4, 6).

Table 1.2. Mander's studies of tetralin 2-diazomethyl ketones

Entry	R	Catalyst	Yield of 50 (%)	Yield of 51 (%)
1	H	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	39	41
2	H	Cu(acac) ₂	56	6
3	5-MeO	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	34	41
4	5-MeO	Cu(acac) ₂	56	12
5	6-MeO	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	71	14
6	6-MeO	Cu(acac) ₂	61	17
7	7-MeO	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	46	44
8	7-MeO	Cu(acac) ₂	64	3

Chiral copper catalysts have also been demonstrated to promote enantioselective Buchner reactions. In a series of reports,³⁷ Maguire and coworker's have established that for substrates such as **52**, superior asymmetric induction is achieved with a copper-bisoxazoline versus various chiral dirhodium species (Scheme 1.9).³⁸ Furthermore, the use of a highly active cationic copper species allowed for the reaction to be carried out in refluxing dichloromethane, a significant improvement from high temperatures required in heterogeneous copper-catalyzed diazo transformations.

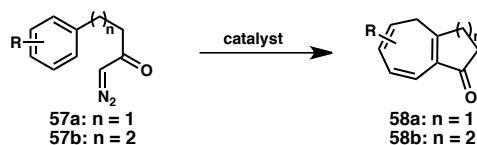
Scheme 1.9. Stereoinduction in the copper-catalyzed Buchner reaction

1.2.3 Summary

This section has described the history of the intramolecular Buchner reaction and key methodological studies that contributed greatly to the progress of the transformation. From the collective research of several laboratories the following reactivity trends have emerged:^{12a,33} (1) rhodium catalysts promote Buchner reactions at lower temperatures than copper catalysts;^{25,39} (2) in systems where C-H insertion is disfavored, rhodium catalysts typically provide higher yields than copper catalysts;^{27,29} (3) for rhodium catalysts, electron-deficient ligands favor arene cyclopropanation, whereas electron-rich ligands favor C-H insertion;^{31d} (4) *ortho*-substituted aryldiazobutane substrates undergo arene cyclopropanation at the less substituted site;²⁹ (5) doubly stabilized diazo substrates (e.g. α -diazo- β -keto esters) generally favor C-H insertion over arene cyclopropanation.⁴⁰

1.3 THE INTRAMOLECULAR BUCHNER REACTION IN TOTAL SYNTHESIS

Whereas intramolecular alkene cyclopropanation has been often employed in the synthesis of natural products, the intramolecular Buchner reaction has found far fewer applications in this area. Nonetheless, this facile method of dearomatization has been recognized as a powerful method for carbon-carbon bond formation, and thus the Buchner reaction has been utilized in total synthesis endeavors. Following the early reports of copper and rhodium catalysis, a number of research groups have applied intramolecular variants of the Buchner reaction to the preparation of polycyclic systems

Scheme 1.10. Commonly studied intramolecular Buchner substrates

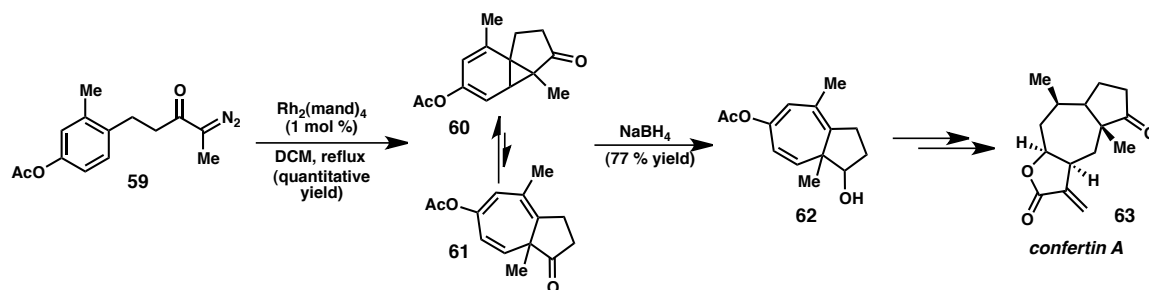
containing seven-membered rings.^{5f} The vast majority of studies reported to date have focused on compounds with two-carbon tethers between the α -diazocarbonyl and the arene (e.g. **57a**, Scheme 1.10);^{29,41} however, some heteroatom linkers have also been pursued.⁴² These studies have primarily utilized arenes bearing electron-releasing substituents, as electron-deficient arenes are typically poor substrates for arene cyclopropanation.^{31d,43}

The interest in aryldiazobutanone substrates such as **57a** is fueled in part by the large number of sesquiterpene natural products with bicycle [5.3.0] decane core structures (e.g. **58a**, Scheme 1.10), to which this synthetic methodology provides a convenient entry.⁴⁴ Moreover, these substrates do not usually exhibit substantial levels of competing benzylic C-H insertion; as a result, higher yields of the cycloheptatriene products (**58a**) are observed when compared to the Buchner reactions of the corresponding aryldiazopentane systems (e.g. **57b**).

In an early demonstration of the utility of the Rh-catalyzed intramolecular Buchner reaction, McKerverey and Kennedy reported that exposure of α -diazo ketone **59** to catalytic $\text{Rh}_2(\text{mandelate})_4$ quantitatively provided a mixture of norcaradiene **60** and cycloheptatriene **61** (Scheme 1.11).³⁰ Although norcaradiene **60** was the major species observed by ^1H NMR spectroscopy, chemoselective reduction of the equilibrating mixture allowed for isolation of cycloheptatriene **62** in 77% yield as a mixture of

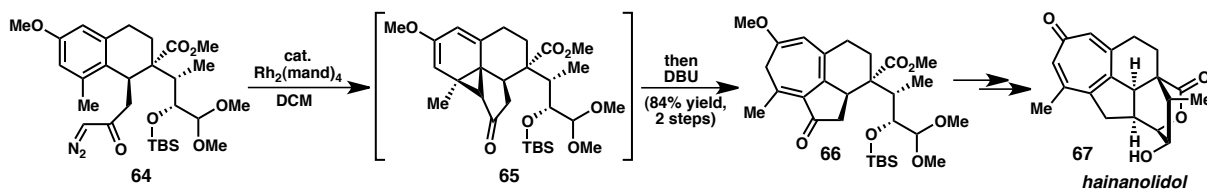
diastereomers. Cycloheptatriene **62** was subsequently advanced in several steps to (±)-confertin A (**63**).

Scheme 1.11. Totals synthesis of (±)-confertin A



In their synthesis of hainanolidol (**67**), Mander and co-workers employed an intramolecular arene cyclopropanation reaction to access a 5,7-fused ring system in a considerably more complex setting (Scheme 1.12).⁴⁵ Treatment of α-diazo ketone **64** with catalytic $\text{Rh}_2(\text{mandelate})_4$ resulted in arene cyclopropanation followed by electrocyclic ring opening to give an unstable cycloheptatriene. Immediate exposure to DBU resulted in isomerization of the olefin to give the more stable and thermodynamically preferred enone **66**. Tricycle **66** was advanced in seven steps to hainanolidol (**67**).⁴⁶

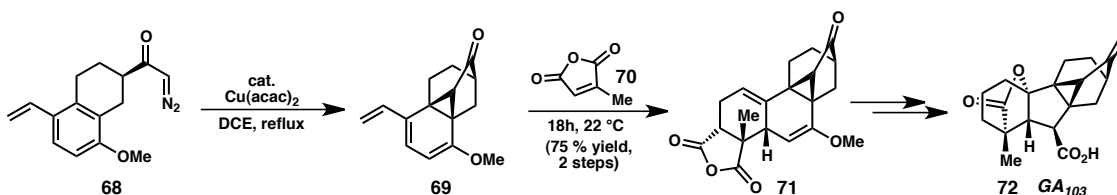
Scheme 1.12. Total synthesis of hainanolidol (**67**)



In contrast to the numerous studies targeting the formation of bicycle [5.3.0] decanes by intramolecular arene cyclopropanation, there are far fewer examples of reactions that provide the corresponding bicycle 5.4.0 undecanes. This is likely due to the increased propensity for metal-carbenoid insertion into the activated benzylic C-H bonds of the corresponding substrates (e.g. **57b**, Scheme 1.10).⁴⁷ For aryldiazobutane substrates, the strain incurred during cyclobutanone formation disfavors C-H insertion processes; alternatively, it is well known that C-H insertion to give five-membered rings is highly favorable.⁴⁸ The competition between C-H insertion and arene cyclopropanation is clearly illustrated by Mander and co-workers' studies of tetralin 2-diazomethyl ketones discussed in section 1.2.2.2 (Table 1.2). Of note, due to the geometric constraints of these systems, the norcaradiene valence tautomer **50** is favored.

Mander subsequently utilized this methodology as part of a cascade reaction sequence in an elegant total synthesis of gibberellin GA₁₀₃ (**72**, Scheme 1.13).⁴⁹ Treatment of α -diazo ketone **68** with Cu(acac)₂ in refluxing dichloroethane provided unstable norcaradiene **69**, which was trapped in situ by addition of 3-methylfuran-2,5-dione (**70**) to deliver polycycle **71**. This remarkable sequence proceeded in 75% yield over two steps. Polycycle **71** was subsequently elaborated in 12 steps to GA₁₀₃.

Scheme 1.13. An arene cyclopropanation/Diels-Alder cascade reaction in Mander's synthesis of GA₁₀₃ (**72**)



1.4 CONCLUSION

The Buchner reaction, and products thereof, have fascinated chemistry for more than a century. The discovery of transition metal catalysts greatly increased the applicability in the synthesis of complex molecules via arene dearomatization. As highlighted in this chapter, the intramolecular Buchner reaction has proven to be a useful transformation in the context of natural product total synthesis. Although these synthetic endeavors have driven methodological advances in arene cyclopropanation, there are still challenges with regard to chemoselectivity and stereoselectivity.

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Chapter 2

An Introduction to Salvileucalin B

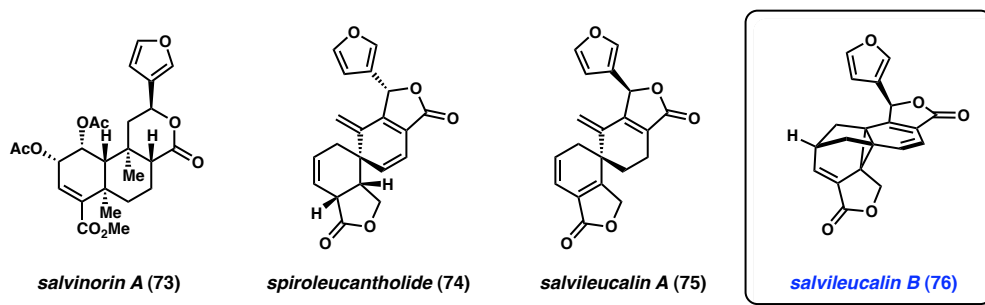
2.1 INTRODUCTION

2.1.1 Natural Products from the Salvia Genus of Plants

Plants of the *Salvia* genus have a rich history in traditional medicine. Indeed, the name *Salvia* derives from the Latin word *salvare*, which means, “to heal.” Isolation studies targeting *Salvia* plants have yielded a wealth of structurally intriguing, biologically active natural products, including the potent hallucinogen salvinorin A (**73**, Figure 2.1).¹ Recently, studies aimed at identifying novel diterpenoids as potential medicinal leads resulted in the isolation of three new compounds from *Salvia leucantha*,² all displaying rearranged frameworks of the typical neoclerodane skeleton. Of particular interest to us was the compound salvileucalin B (**76**), which exhibits promising cytotoxicity against A549 (human lung adenocarcinoma) and HT-29 (human colon adenocarcinoma) cells.^{2b} Salvileucalin B is a unique member of the clerodane family in

that it contains a tricyclo[3.2.1.0^{2,7}] octane carbon framework, the first neoclerodane diterpenoid isolated to possess this structural feature.

Figure 2.1. Salvileucalin B and related rearranged neoclerodane diterpenoids



2.1.2 Isolation and Structural Characterization of Salvileucalin B

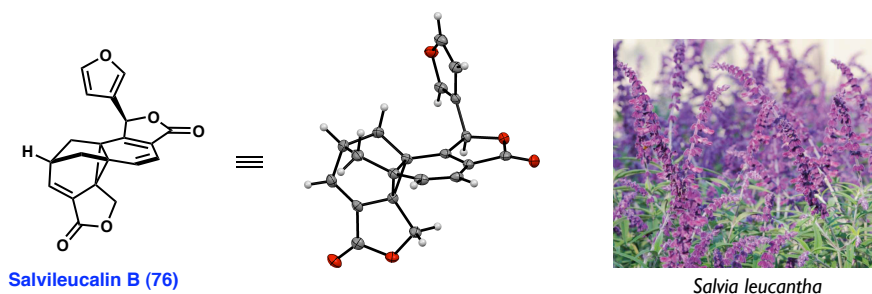
In 2008, Aoyagi *et al.* isolated a novel cytotoxic diterpenoid from the aerial parts of *Salvia leucantha*, more commonly known as the Mexican sage bush. Salvileucalin B (**76**) was isolated in a quantity of 18 mg as an amorphous, colorless powder from 18.66 kg of air-dried plant matter. The connectivity of the natural product was determined by one- and two-dimensional NMR spectroscopy, and the structure was ultimately obtained by X-ray crystallographic analysis (Figure 2.2). The absolute stereochemistry was deduced by comparison of the experimental and theoretical IR and VCD spectra.

2.1.3 Proposed Biosynthesis

The isolation report by Aoyagi *et al.* proposes a biosynthetic pathway for formation of salvileucalin B (**76**, Scheme 2.1). The first intermediate **77**, consisting of a salvigenane skeleton,³ is suggested to undergo ring contraction to afford spirocycle **79**.

Lactone **77** is itself hypothesized to have evolved from a neoclerodane diterpene by a ring expansion of the standard clerodane framework.⁴ Following a series of oxidations that afford salvileucalin A (**75**), an additional desaturation event is hypothesized to generate key intermediate **82**, which then undergoes an intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction (IMDA) to provide salvileucalin B (**76**).

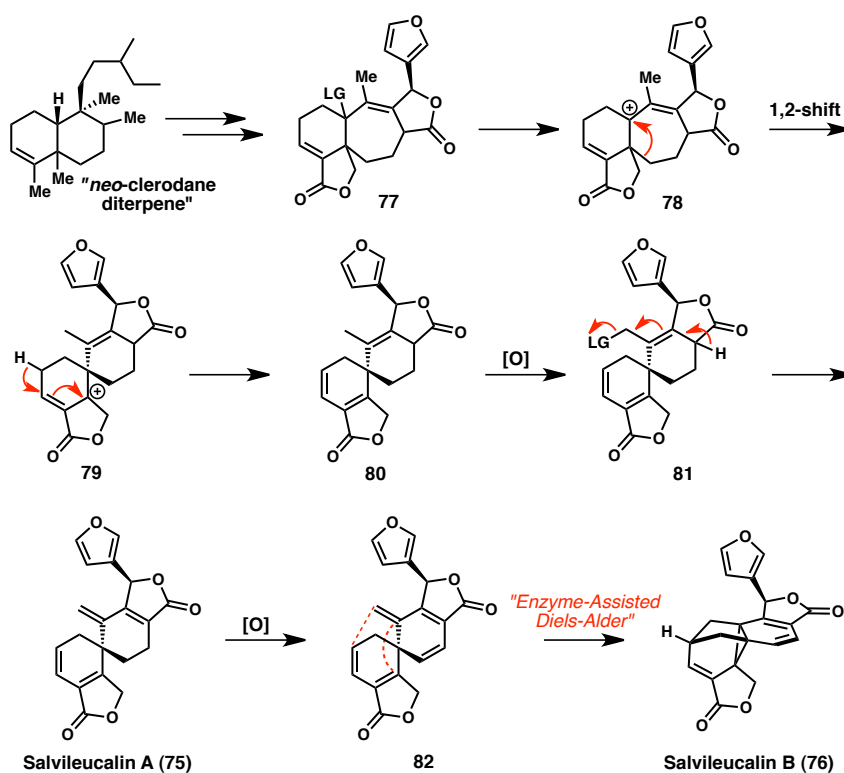
Figure 2.2. Crystal structure of salvileucalin B



A key question in the proposed biosynthesis of salvileucalin B (**76**) is whether the Diels–Alder step involves enzyme catalysis. The existence of “Diels–Alderase” (enzymes that catalyze a concerted [4+2] reaction) is still a controversial topic in the chemistry community today.⁵ There are many cyclohexene-containing natural products that have been characterized as Diels–Alder cycloadducts,⁶ and in certain cases evidence for enzymatic catalysis of this transformation has been advanced.⁷ Although speculative in nature, the intramolecular cycloaddition to form the caged core of salvileucalin B has garnered some support by both empirical and theoretical evidence. Despite the poor orientation of the Δ^9 -double bond and the diene, the 5-vinyl-1,3-cyclohexadiene motif has been demonstrated to undergo intramolecular [4+2] cycloaddition to generate strained, caged polycyclic structures.⁸ Additionally, in 2011, Chen *et al.* reported that a

thermal intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction of α,β -unsaturated ester **83** yielded the propellane core of salvileucalin B (Scheme 2.2).⁹ The forcing conditions required for intramolecular cycloaddition of 5-vinyl-1,3-cyclohexadienes, however, likely preclude an unassisted transformation from occurring under typical biological conditions. Nevertheless, these data suggest an intramolecular [4+2] reaction to provide the densely fused polycycle of salvileucalin B is feasible, despite the geometric constraints of the system.

Scheme 2.1. Biosynthetic hypothesis for salvileucalin B

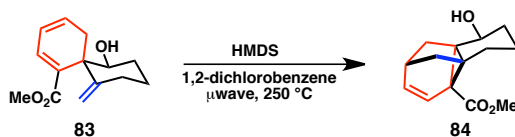


Computational simulation by Tantillo and coworkers on the non-catalyzed intramolecular [4+2] of **85** estimated the activation energy to be approximately >25

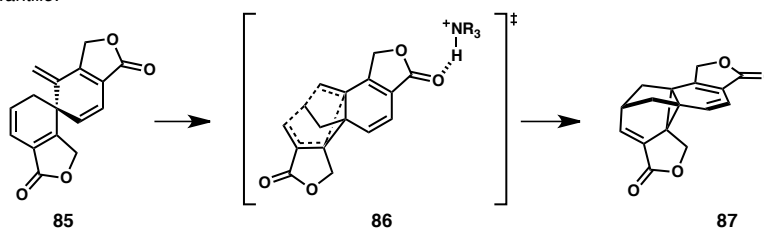
kcal/mol, making the transformation highly unlikely in a biologically reasonable temperature regime. Coordination of the “northern lactone” to positively charged amino acid residues (e.g., guanidinium, imidazolium, ammonium), however, led to significant reductions in the activation barrier ranging from ~2 to 6 kcal/mol.¹⁰ Although this activation barrier is near the high end for typical enzyme catalyzed reactions,¹¹ the computations nonetheless demonstrate reasonable non-covalent interactions that could result in reduced energetic boundaries in the IMDA reaction to form salvileucalin B.

Scheme 2.2. *Experimental and theoretical evidence for IMDA*

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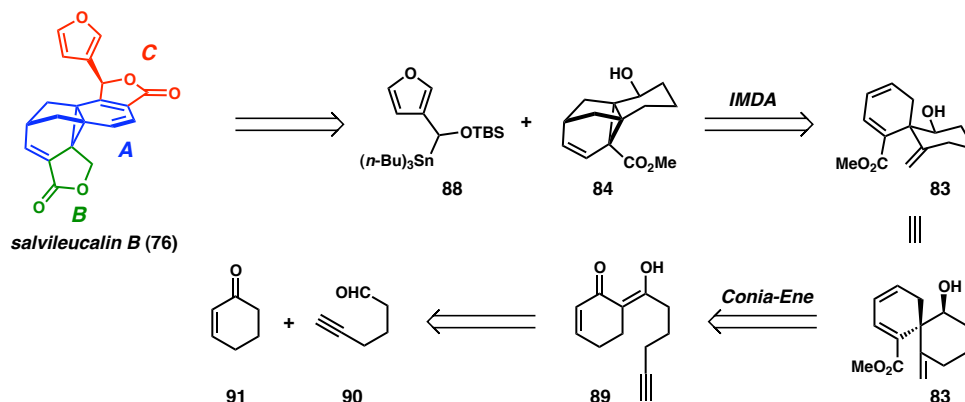
2.2 PREVIOUS TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF SALVILEUCALIN B

Prior to our work on salvileucalin B there were no completed total syntheses reported. After our disclosure of the total synthesis of **76**, Chen and coworkers’ published a route to a functionalized core of the natural product. This section summarizes their synthetic efforts.

2.2.1 Chen's Progress Towards Salvileucalin B

In 2011 Chen and coworkers⁹ reported a synthetic approach to salvileucalin B that showcased a biomimetic intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction.⁹ As part of their strategy, the researchers sought to develop a flexible route that would allow for late-stage incorporation of the two lactones in order to evaluate the biological activity of salvileucalin B and analogues. To fulfill this objective they divided the natural product into three domains, A, B, and C (Scheme 2.3).

Scheme 2.3. Chen's retrosynthetic analysis of salvileucalin B

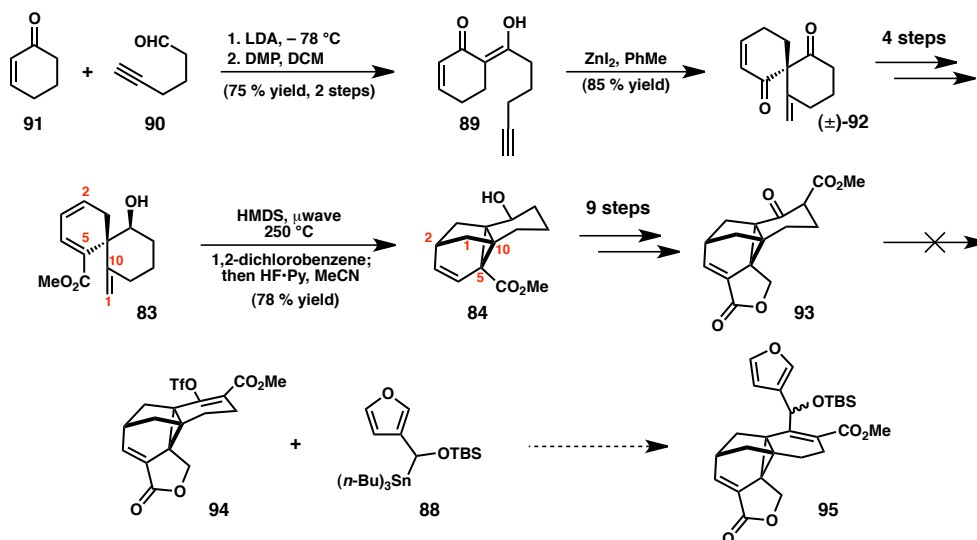


Incorporation of the two lactone subunits (domains B and C) was expected to be achieved by elaboration of the α,β -unsaturated ester and cross-coupling of an appropriately functionalized furan. This convergent entrance to the B and C domains was anticipated to permit access to variable functionality around the norcaradiene core. Cyclopropane **84** was thus targeted as the key intermediate, which was envisioned to arise from an intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction of spirocycle **83**. As discussed in section 2.1.3, this step was inspired by Aoyagi and coworkers' biosynthetic hypothesis of

the formation of the polycyclic framework of the natural product. Bicycle **83** was expected to originate from cyclohexenone **89**, which itself can be further simplified into basic starting materials.

The synthesis commenced with the aldol condensation of cyclohexenone and aldehyde **90**, which afforded diketone **89** after oxidation (Scheme 2.4). Conia-ene cyclization¹² of alkyne **89** promoted by ZnI_2 provided the racemic spirocycle **92** in high yield. A sequence of functional group manipulations yielded the 5-vinyl-1,3-cyclohexadiene motif (**83**) required to test the intramolecular cycloaddition. In the event, microwave heating to 250 °C afforded the fully substituted allylic cyclopropane **84** in 78 % yield.

Scheme 2.4. Intramolecular [4+2] and further elaboration

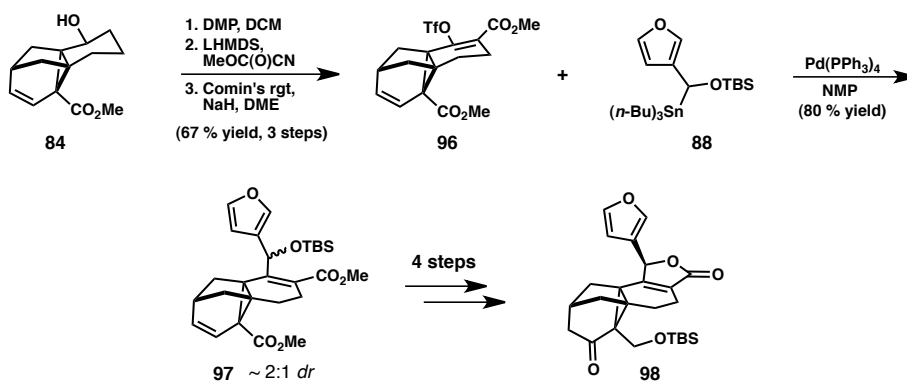


With the A domain of the natural product in hand, efforts were focused on appending the two lactones onto this central unit. A lengthy sequence furnished β -

ketoester **93**, now a single step away from conversion to an enol species capable of the ensuing cross coupling. A variety of conditions were investigated to promote this transformation, however, none afforded the desired product (**94**). Control experiments determined the alkenyl γ -lactone moiety decomposed during these reactions.

The failure of **93** to undergo further elaboration prompted Chen and coworkers' to delay introduction of the B domain lactone. To this end, alcohol **84** was transformed into enol triflate **96** via a sequence of oxidation, α -acylation with Mander's reagent,¹³ and conversion of the ketone to the enol triflate (**96**). Diester **96** underwent smooth Stille coupling with stannane **88** to produce α,β -unsaturated ester **97** in good yield, albeit as a mixture of diastereomers. After separation of the correct epimer, an additional four steps yielded the desired northern lactone and appropriate functionality for synthesis of the B domain. Ketone **98** was the most advanced structure reported, and no further work on this synthetic route has been reported at the present time.

Scheme 2.5. Stille coupling and synthesis of domain C



2.3 SUMMARY

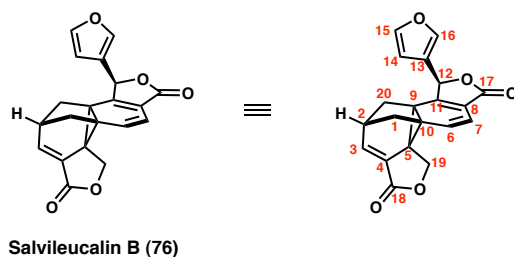
Isolation chemists have discovered an abundance of structurally intriguing diterpenoid natural products from plants of the *Salvia* genus. Salvileucalin B (**76**) is one of the newer members of this class, and is quite remarkable owing to the presence of a stable norcaradiene embedded within its structure. The fascinating structure and intriguing biosynthetic proposal has recently captured the attention of several different groups, and at the commencement of our studies no partial or full total syntheses existed.

2.4 INTRODUCTION TO SYNTHETIC EFFORTS[†]

2.4.1 Structure and Synthetic Challenges

Salvileucalin B (**76**) represents a formidable challenge to modern synthetic methods (Figure 2.3), with an unprecedented structure bearing several notable features that merit attention when considering a synthetic strategy. The structure of **76** is striking in that it contains a stable norcaradiene core embedded within a caged polycyclic skeleton.¹⁴ Construction of this unusual motif requires the formation of a fully substituted cyclopropane, which remains a challenging transformation despite extensive research in the area of cyclopropanation chemistry. Furthermore, the core of salvileucalin B is decorated with two γ -lactones, two tertiary carbon stereocenters, and the furan moiety.

[†] This work was performed in collaboration with Dr. Sergiy Levin, a former postdoctoral scholar in the Reisman group. Parts of this Chapter have appeared in previous publications: (a) Levin, S.; Nani, R. R.; Reisman, S. E. *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 780. (b) Levin, S.; Nani, R. R.; Reisman, S. E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 774.

Figure 2.3. *Salvileucalin B*

The remarkable structure of **76** presented a unique opportunity to investigate the chemistry of norcaradienes and highly functionalized cyclopropanes, and thus inspired us to undertake efforts toward salvileucalin B. At the outset of our studies, there were no previous approaches to salvileucalin B in the literature, and only one other synthetic study has been published to date.⁹ This chapter outlines our work toward the completion of this project, which has culminated in the only total synthesis of this diterpenoid yet reported.

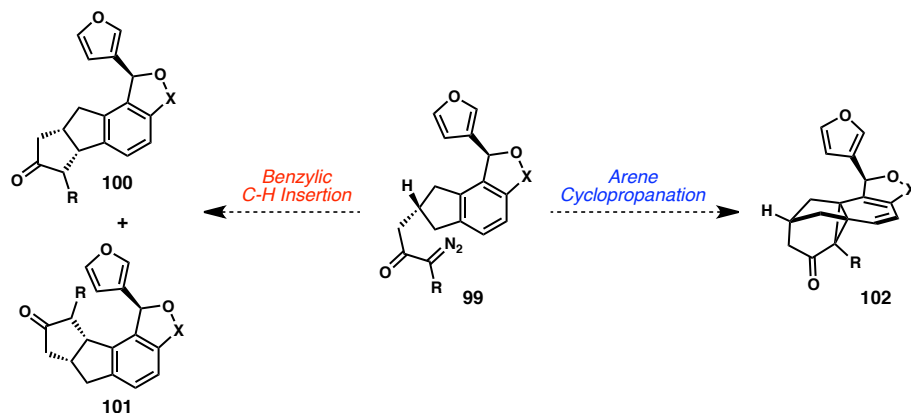
2.4.2 Outline and Context of Approach

In considering a synthesis of **76**, we were intrigued by the possibility of employing a late-stage intramolecular cyclopropanation reaction of a tricyclic arene such as **99** to directly form the norcaradiene core (Scheme 2.6). Since the initial report by Buchner and Curtius in 1885 detailing the thermolysis of ethyl diazoacetate in benzene,¹⁵ the cyclopropanation of arenes has been the focus of numerous investigations. Thermal Buchner reactions generally provide the ring-opened cycloheptatriene products as mixtures of isomers.¹⁶ With the advent of transition metal-catalyzed decomposition of stabilized diazo compounds,¹⁷ several methodological studies have demonstrated that

isomerically pure cycloheptatrienes can be isolated in synthetically useful yields from an appropriate diazo precursor and arene with use of copper¹⁸ and rhodium¹⁹ catalysts. Despite the prevalence of cycloheptane containing natural products, the Buchner reaction is still under-utilized in total synthesis endeavors.²⁰

Access to **102** via cyclopropanation of **99** requires the chemoselective intramolecular reaction of a metal-carbenoid (derived from the α -diazo carbonyl of **99**) with the arene π -system, in preference to highly favorable C–H insertion reactions at the adjacent, activated benzylic proton sites. In addition, cyclopropanation to give **102** requires formation of a fully substituted cyclopropane. In this context, the cyclopropanation of **99** provides an interesting case study of the factors influencing benzylic C–H insertion versus arene cyclopropanation. Furthermore, due on the geometric constraints of the polycyclic system, the norcaradiene of **102** was not expected to undergo electrocyclic ring opening to the corresponding cycloheptatriene.²¹

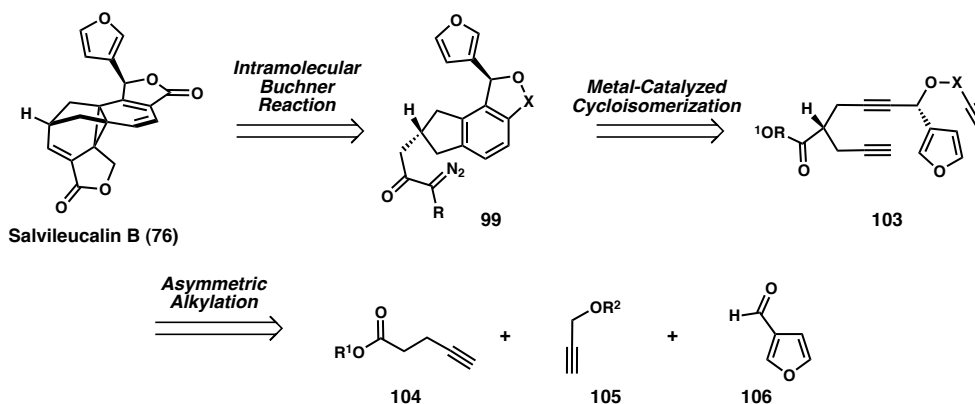
Scheme 2.6. Chemoselectivity considerations in the key step



2.5 FIRST GENERATION APPROACH

2.5.1 Retrosynthetic Analysis

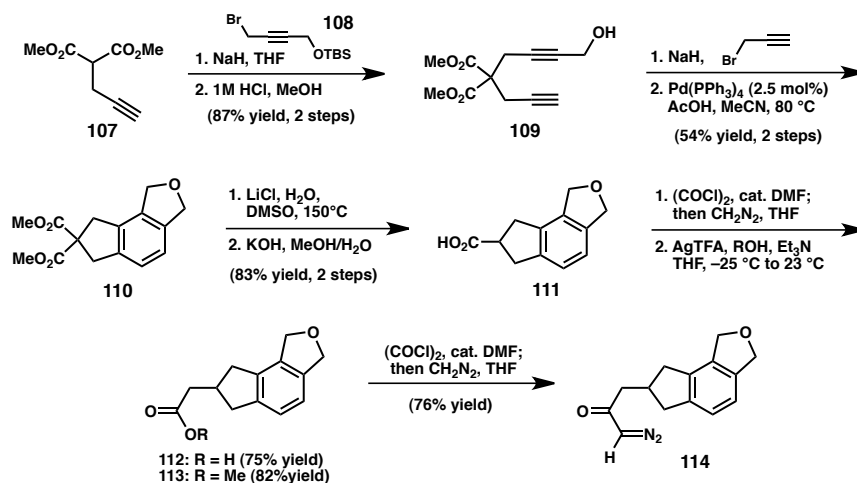
In our retrosynthetic analysis of salvileucalin B (**76**), we sought to design a route that would allow for incorporation of the two lactones in the final stages of the synthesis (Scheme 2.7). The rationale for late-stage lactone installation was based on several considerations. Generally, electron-poor aryl rings are less reactive substrates in arene cyclopropanation,²² and it was expected the presence of the northern lactone would substantially deactivate the benzene moiety. Moreover, the presence of the northern lactone raises the potential for chemoselectivity issues when manipulating the southern lactone. The southern lactone was expected to arise from the Buchner reaction product of acyclic diazo ketone **99** via manipulation of the ketone and R groups. Although the use of a cyclic diazo lactone might provide a more expedient method to access the southern lactone, examples of such a diazo compound participating in a Buchner reaction are rare.²³ The identity of the X and R functional groups that would allow for successful execution of the proposed arene cyclopropanation event and subsequent elaboration to the two lactones was critical to the synthetic plan. We initially sought to evaluate two systems, in which X = CH₂ or SiR₂; in each, the aryl ring of **99** was expected to be electronically well suited for the Buchner reaction. However, we also recognized that the norcaradiene products would require late stage functionalization to install the northern lactone. In terms of R, it was envisioned that an ester or related moiety could provide an appropriate handle for elaboration to the southern lactone.

Scheme 2.7. Retrosynthetic analysis of salvileucalin B

Having established tricycle **99** as a late-stage target, we envisioned that the [5,6,5] ring system could be rapidly assembled via a metal-catalyzed cycloisomerization of an appropriately functionalized triene (**103**). This acyclic unit, in turn, could arise from the union of the three simple building blocks **104**, **105**, and **106**.

2.5.2 Synthesis and Evaluation of a Model System

To assess the feasibility of constructing the norcaradiene core of **76** by arene cyclopropanation, our initial synthetic efforts focused on rapidly accessing an appropriate model substrate.²⁴ To this end, we initially identified terminal diazo ketone **114** as a suitable compound for investigating different catalysts, solvents, and other reaction parameters (Scheme 3.3). Whereas an enantioselective synthesis of **114** would require an asymmetric alkylation reaction to prepare triene **103**, for the purpose of rapidly accessing the α -diazo carbonyl compounds of interest, the compounds in this study were prepared as racemates.

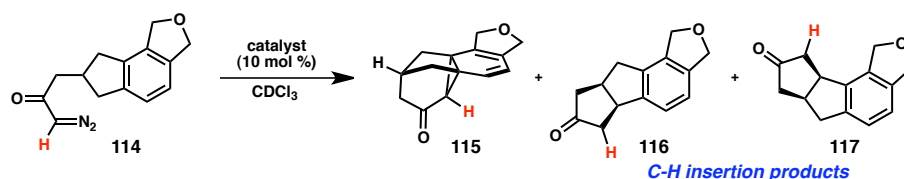
Scheme 2.8. Synthesis of α -diazo ketone **114**

Thus, our model studies commenced with the alkylation of commercially available dimethyl propargyl malonate (**107**) with TBS-protected propargyl bromide **108**,²⁵ followed by acid-mediated cleavage of the silyl ether to give diyne **109** in 87% yield (Scheme 2.8). Alkylation of **109** with propargyl bromide provided the corresponding triyne, which, after exposure to $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$ in the presence of AcOH, smoothly delivered tricycle **110** in 78% yield (54% yield over the two-step sequence).²⁶ Krapcho dealkoxycarbonylation²⁷ of tricycle **110** was followed by saponification with potassium hydroxide to give carboxylic acid **111**. Subsequent conversion to the acid chloride and homologation following the Arndt–Eistert protocol²⁸ furnished carboxylic acid **112** in 75% yield. The α -diazo ketone **113** was prepared in good yield by treatment of the acid chloride derived from carboxylic acid **112** with an ethereal solution of diazomethane.

With α -diazo ketone **114** in hand, a number of metal catalysts were evaluated for their ability to promote the formation of norcaradiene **115** (Table 2.1). Whereas Rh^{II}

catalysts favored the formation of C–H insertion products (entries 4–6), Cu(acac)₂ provided more promising levels of cyclopropanation (entry 7). There are several reports of Rh^{II} catalysts providing good yields of Buchner products; however, these systems generally lack benzylic protons, or geometrically disfavor C–H insertion.²⁹ In systems where C–H insertion is geometrically favorable, Cu^{II} catalysts provide improved selectivity for cyclopropanation.^{18c}

Table 2.1. Catalysts Screened for Cyclopropanation of α -diazo ketone **114**



Entry	Catalyst	Temp (°C)	Norcaradiene Yield (%)
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	22	no rxn
2	Co ^{II} (salen)	22	no rxn
3 ^a	[Ir(cod)Cl] ₂	50	decomp
4	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	22	14
5	Rh ₂ (cap) ₄	22	1
6	Rh ₂ (tfa) ₄	22	5
7 ^a	Cu(acac) ₂	120	30
8 ^a	Cu(tfacac) ₂	120	50 (73) ^c
9 ^a	Cu(hfacac) ₂	120	40
10 ^a	Cu(TMHD) ₂	120	28
11 ^a	Cu(TBS) ₂	120	11

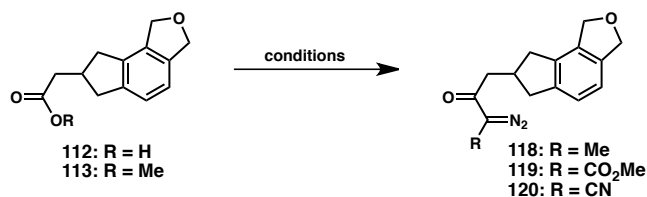
^a Run in a microwave for 5 minutes. ^b Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude reaction mixture, using an internal standard. ^c Isolated yield, slow addition, DCE reflux.

Further screening of several Cu^{II} catalysts revealed that the yields of norcaradiene **115** were highly catalyst dependent, with relatively electron-poor Cu^{II} salts providing the best results (entries 8,9). Although conducting the reactions in a microwave reactor proved useful in the context of catalyst screening, improved yields were obtained for

substrate **115** by using a slow addition protocol. Thus, syringe pump addition of **114** to a solution of $\text{Cu}(\text{tfacac})_2$ in dichloroethane at reflux cleanly provided norcaradiene **115** in 73% isolated yield. Notably, the ^1H NMR spectrum of **115** shows no evidence of the corresponding cycloheptatriene at room temperature. In spite of the known propensity of simple norcaradienes to heavily favor the cycloheptatriene valence tautomer,³⁰ the behavior of **115** is not entirely surprising. The electrocyclic ring-opening of norcaradiene **115** would produce two bridgehead olefins within a strained [4.3.1]bicycle, and is therefore anticipated to be highly unfavorable. Studies have shown that sterically³¹ or electronically³² biased, as well as geometrically constrained norcaradienes²¹ (such as that found in **115**) can be stable at room temperature.

2.5.3 Reactivity of Di-Substituted α -Diazo Ketones

Although we were pleased with our ability to prepare norcaradiene **115**, more functionalized norcaradienes were required to facilitate the implementation of an endgame strategy toward salvileucalin B (**76**). This conclusion was driven in part by our inability to derivatize norcaradiene compound **115** ($\text{R} = \text{H}$) a deprotonation/trapping sequence.³³ In particular, it was envisioned that use of di-substituted α -diazo ketones (e.g. **118-120**, $\text{R} \neq \text{H}$, Table 2.2) would provide a cyclopropane with appropriate functionality for conversion to the required γ -lactone. To this end, additional α -diazo carbonyl compounds were prepared from either carboxylic acid **112** or methyl ester **113**, each easily accessible from **112** by simply modifying the conditions of the Arndt–Eistert homologation.²⁸

Table 2.2. Synthesis of α -dialzo ketones **118–120**

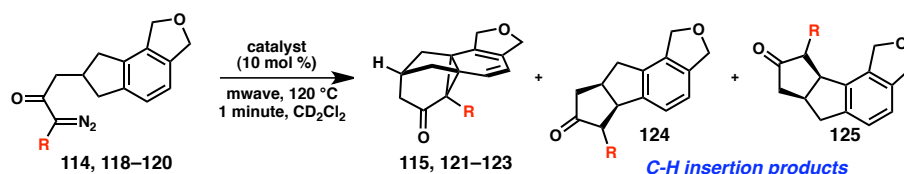
Starting Tricycle	Product	Conditions/Yield (%)
112	118	(i) (COCl) ₂ ; (ii) CH ₃ CH ₂ N ₂ , CH ₂ Cl ₂ (63 % yield, 2 steps)
112	119	(imid) ₂ CO then HCO ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ K/MgCl ₂ (56% yield); (ii) <i>p</i> -ABSA, Et ₃ N, MeCN (63% yield)
113	120	(i) LiCH ₂ CN, THF, –78 °C (ii) (imid)SO ₂ N ₃ , pyr, MeCN (50% yield, 2 steps)

To prepare α -dialzo ketone **118**, carboxylic acid **112** was converted to the corresponding acid chloride and treated with diazoethane (generated in situ from *N*-ethyl-*N*-nitrosourea). α -Dialzo- β -ketoester **119** was prepared from acid **112** by a two-step procedure consisting of conversion to the ketoester,³⁴ followed by diazo transfer with *p*-ABSA. Alternatively, α -dialzo β -ketonitrile **120** was prepared by treatment of methyl ester **113** with α -lithio-acetonitrile followed by diazo transfer with *N*-imidazole sulfonyl azide³⁵ in the presence of pyridine (Table 2.2).

As evidenced by entries 2 and 3 (Table 2.3) slight structural changes dramatically impact the intramolecular Buchner reaction. Unfortunately, the use of α -dialzoethyl ketone **118** or α -dialzo- β -ketoester **119** in conjunction with a variety of either rhodium or copper catalysts provided only trace quantities of the corresponding norcaradiene products. Instead, the major products were a mixture of isomeric cyclopentanones resulting from C-H insertion, even when copper catalysts were used. The significant drop in yield observed when switching from the α -diazomethyl ketone to α -dialzoethyl ketone,

which are similar in their electronic properties but differ in their steric profile, suggested that less sterically encumbered substrates may provide improved yields of norcaradiene **123**. A survey of carbon-containing moieties that satisfy this requirement but also bear suitable functionality for elaboration to the lactone produced the nitrile as an excellent candidate.³⁶ Although intermolecular arene cyclopropanation with dicyanodiazomethane was known,³⁷ there had been no previous reports of a nitrile-containing diazocarbonyl compound undergoing an *intramolecular* Buchner reaction.

Table 2.3. Impact of diazo substitution on norcaradiene yield



Entry	R	Catalyst	Norcaradiene Yield (%)
1	H	Cu(tfacac) ₂	73 ^a
2	Me	Cu(acac) ₂	7 ^a
3	CO ₂ Me	Cu(hfacac) ₂	2 ^a
4	CN	Cu(tfacac) ₂	6 ^b
5	CN	Cu(acac) ₂	3 ^b
6	CN	Cu(TMHD) ₂	4 ^b
7	CN	Cu(TBS) ₂	14 ^b
8	CN	Cu(hfacac) ₂	53 ^b
9	CN	Cu(hfacac) ₂	64 ^a

^a Isolated yield. ^b Determined by ¹H NMR analysis of crude reaction mixture, using an internal standard.

After extensive screening with α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **120**, it was found that various Cu^{II} salts revealed promising yields of the cyclopropane product (**123**, R = CN), albeit in very low yields. Whereas Cu(acac)₂ and Cu(TBS)₂ provided **123** in poor yields, we were pleased to find that Cu(hfacac)₂ could afford norcaradiene **123** in 53% assay

yield after brief microwave heating. Notably, α -diazo- β -ketonitriles require high temperatures to undergo de-diazotization with copper catalysts; in the case of **120** \rightarrow **123**, the best yields were observed when heated for short periods to 120 °C using microwave irradiation. Norcaradiene **123** represents the first example of a fully substituted cyclopropane that is formed through an intramolecular arene cyclopropanation reaction. More importantly, the highly serviceable yield obtained in the arene cyclopropanation of α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **120** allowed for facile throughput of material for elaboration to the requisite lactone.

2.6 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

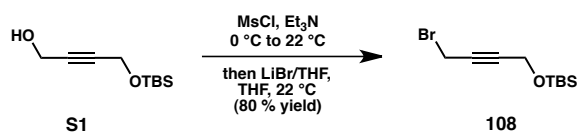
2.6.1 Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using freshly dried solvents. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), methylene chloride (CH_2Cl_2), diethyl ether (Et_2O), acetonitrile (MeCN), toluene and benzene were dried by passing through activated alumina columns. Dimethylformamide (DMF) was dried over activated molecular sieves, MeOH was distilled over magnesium oxide and dichloroethane (DCE) was distilled over calcium hydride. All other commercially obtained reagents were used as received. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using EMD/Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (0.25 mm). Flash column chromatography was performed either as described by Still et al. (Still, W. C., Kahn, M.; Mitra, A. *J. Org. Chem.* **1978**, *43*, 2923-2925.) using silica gel (partical size 0.032-0.063) purchased from Silicycle or using pre-packaged RediSep[®]Rf columns on a CombiFlash Rf system (Teledyne ISCO Inc.). Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P-2000 polarimeter using a 100 mm path-length cell at 589 nm. Microwave experiments were performed using a Biotage Initiator[®] microwave reactor. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 (at 300 MHz and 75 MHz respectively) or a Varian Inova 500 (at 500 MHz and 125 MHz respectively), and are reported relative to internal CHCl_3 (^1H , $\delta = 7.26$) or CDHCl_2 (^1H , $\delta = 5.32$), and CDCl_3 (^{13}C , $\delta = 77.0$) or CD_2Cl_2 (^{13}C , $\delta = 53.8$). Data for ^1H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicity and qualifier abbreviations are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad, app = apparent. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer

Paragon 1000 spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm^{-1}). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained from the Caltech Mass Spectral Facility. Preparative HPLC was performed with an Agilent 1100 Series HPLC utilizing an Agilent Zorbax RX-SIL $5\mu\text{m}$ column ($9.4 \times 250 \text{ mm}$). Analytical chiral HPLC was performed with an Agilent 1100 Series HPLC utilizing Chiralcel OD-H columns ($4.6 \text{ mm} \times 25 \text{ cm}$) obtained from Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd with visualization at 220 nm . Analytical HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1290 Infinity Eclipse Plus C_{18} $1.8\mu\text{m}$ column ($2.1 \times 50 \text{ mm}$). Melting points were determined using a Büchi B-545 capillary melting point apparatus and the values reported are uncorrected.

2.6.2 Preparative Procedures and Spectroscopic Data

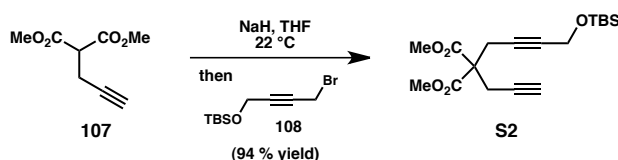
Preparation of Bromide 108



A 1 L flame-dried flask was charged with the mono-TBS protected diol (**S1**, 16.1 g, 79.0 mmol) under N_2 , followed by THF (300 mL) and Et_3N (20.5 mL, 135.0 mmol). The resulting solution was cooled to $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in an ice bath, and MsCl (9.3 mL, 120.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting thick white slurry was warmed to $22\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ over 30 minutes. In a separate flask, LiBr (35.0 g, 400.0 mmol) was charged under N_2 and dissolved in THF (250 mL). The mesylate/THF slurry was filtered directly into the clear yellow LiBr/THF solution at $22\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After 30 minutes TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of starting material. The reaction was diluted with Et_2O (300 mL), filtered,

and washed with brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na_2SO_4), concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford bromide **108** (16.5 g, 80% yield) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.36 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 85.5, 79.7, 77.3, 76.8, 51.8, 25.8, 18.3, 14.5, -5.7; IR (NaCl/thin film): 2955, 2929, 2896, 2857 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{19}\text{OBrSi}$ [M^+] 264.0387, found 264.0368.

Preparation of Diester S2

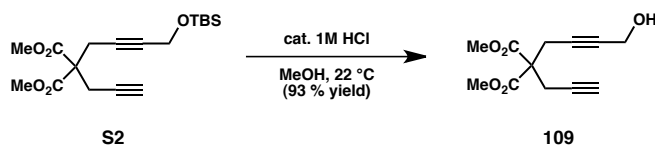


A 500 mL flame-dried flask was charged with NaH (1.3 g, 60% dispersion mineral oil, 31.9 mmol), followed by THF (150 mL) under N_2 . The suspension was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath, and propargyl dimethyl malonate (**107**, 4.34 mL, 29.0 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 minutes. After stirring for 25 minutes (cessation of bubbling), bromide **108** (7.48 g, 29.0 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was added to the suspension at 0 °C. The reaction was warmed to 22 °C and stirred for 13 hours, after which time TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting materials. Water (300 mL) was added, followed by extraction with 2 x 250 mL of Et_2O . The organic layer was dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated to yield **S2** (9.27 g, 94% yield) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.22 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 2.98 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.93 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 (t, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.0, 82.2, 78.8, 78.3, 77.3, 76.8, 71.6, 56.4, 53.0, 51.6, 25.7, 22.9,

22.6, 18.2, -5.3; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3292, 3001, 2956, 2931, 2897, 2858, 1744 cm^{-1} ;

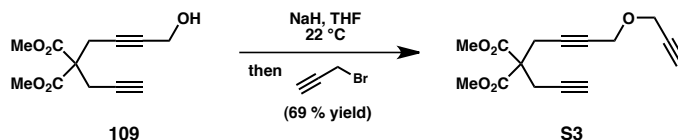
HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 353.1779, found 353.1771.

Preparation of Alcohol **109**



A 250 mL flask open to air was charged with **S2** (9.27 g, 26.3 mmol), followed by MeOH (80 mL) and aq. HCl (1M, 0.5 mL, 0.5 mmol) at 22 °C. The clear colorless solution was stirred for 3 hours, then concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (0→20% MeOH/DCM), affording **109** (5.88 g, 93% yield) as a light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.18 (dt, $J = 6.1, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 2.99 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.94 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (t, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.1, 82.0, 79.7, 78.2, 71.8, 56.4, 53.1, 50.9, 22.9, 22.7; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3483, 3288, 3008, 2957, 2871, 2848, 1739 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 239.0914, found 239.0913.

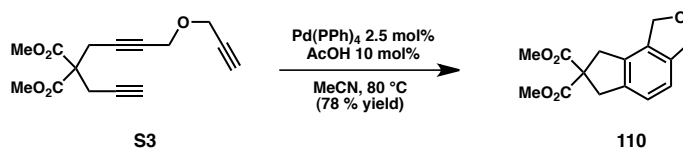
Preparation of Triyne **S3**



A 500 mL flame-dried flask was charged with NaH (1.09 g, 60% dispersion mineral oil, 27.1 mmol), followed by THF (100 mL) under N_2 . In a separate flask **109** (5.88 g, 24.6 mmol) was azeotroped 3x with benzene, and diluted with THF (75 mL). To

the NaH/THF suspension, pre-cooled to 0 °C, was added the THF solution of **109** via cannula. This brown mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at 0 °C, after which time propargyl bromide (80 wt% toluene, 3.2 mL, 29.5 mmol) was added in one portion. The resulting brown/black slurry was warmed to 22 °C and stirred for 22 hours. After TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting materials, water (500 mL) was added, and the reaction extracted with 2 x 250 mL Et₂O. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (0→25% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **S3** (4.67 g, 69% yield) as an orange/brown oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.22 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 81.4, 78.9, 78.5, 78.3, 77.3, 76.8, 74.9, 71.8, 56.7, 56.5, 56.1, 53.2, 23.0, 22.8; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3286, 2955, 2916, 2850, 1738 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₅H₁₆O₅ [M+H]⁺ 277.1071, found 277.1070.

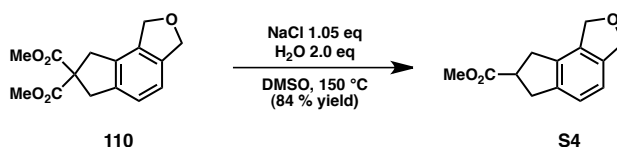
Preparation of Arene **110**



A 250 mL flask was charged with triyne **S3** (4.67 g, 16.9 mmol), followed by MeCN (150 mL) under N₂. Acetic acid (100 mL, 1.7 mmol) was added, followed by Pd(PPh₃)₄ (490 mg, 0.42 mmol) in one portion at 22 °C. The flask was fitted with a condensor, and the clear orange/red solution was heated to 80 °C. After 30 minutes the reaction was complete (TLC analysis) and subsequently cooled to 22 °C. The solvent was

removed via rotary evaporation, and the crude oil was purified by flash chromatography (0→25% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **110** (3.65 g, 78% yield) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 139.3, 138.2, 134.9, 132.9, 123.1, 119.5, 73.6, 72.4, 60.6, 53.0, 40.2, 38.9; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3436, 3003, 2954, 2916, 2850, 1733 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ 275.0925, found 275.0917.

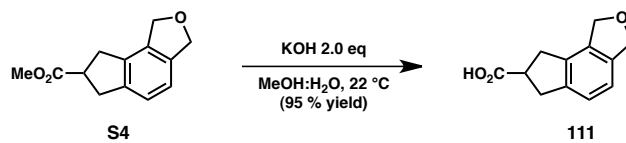
Preparation of Ester S4



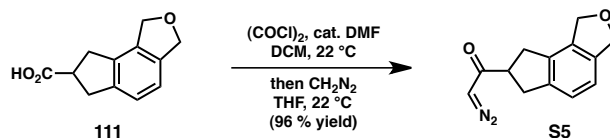
A 250 mL flask open to air was charged with diester **110** (6.43 g, 23.0 mmol), NaCl (1.44 g, 25.0 mmol), water (840 mL, 47.0 mmol) and DMSO (65 mL) at 22 $^\circ\text{C}$. The flask was fitted with a condensor and heated to 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ with vigorous stirring. Upon heating, the reaction darkened from light yellow to brown, and after 30 minutes at 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ was black. After heating for 12 hours TLC analysis indicated consumption of starting material, and the reaction was cooled to 22 $^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction was diluted with hexanes/ Et_2O (700 mL, 7:3) and washed with 2 x 300 mL water. The organic layer was dried (MgSO_4), concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (0→30% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **S4** (4.2 g, 84% yield) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.43 – 3.35 (tt, $J = 9.0, 8.0$ 1H), 3.30 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.16 (dd, $J = 16.1, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.09

(dd, $J = 16.1, 9.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.5, 141.0, 137.8, 135.0, 134.6, 123.2, 119.1, 73.7, 72.5, 52.0, 43.7, 35.8, 34.4; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3468, 3022, 2948, 2848, 1729 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ 217.0870, found 217.0859.

Preparation of Carboxylic Acid **111**



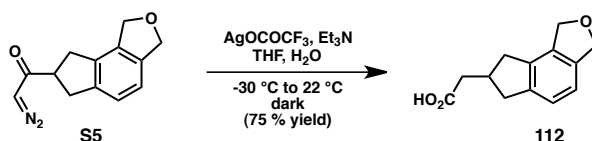
A 250 mL flask open to air was charged with monoester **S4** (4.5 g, 21.0 mmol), MeOH (100 mL), water (10 mL), and KOH (2.3 g, 42.0 mmol) at 22 °C. After 4.5 hours the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC, and the reaction volume was reduced to approximately 50 mL total via rotary evaporation. The carboxylate solution was diluted with Et_2O (150 mL) and washed with 1M HCl. The organic layer was dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure, yielding **111** (4.0 g, 95% yield) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.48 – 3.40 (tt, $J = 9.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 16.2, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, $J = 16.1, 9.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.90, 140.85, 137.69, 134.88, 134.39, 123.27, 119.22, 73.62, 72.44, 43.51, 35.60, 34.20; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3436, 3152, 2998, 2948, 2867, 2746, 2638, 1726 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ 203.0714, found 203.0703.

Preparation of Diazo Ketone S5

A flame-dried 250 mL flask containing acid **111** (3.0 g, 13.8 mmol) was charged with DCM (100 mL) under N_2 . To the resulting slurry was added 1 drop of DMF, followed by oxalyl chloride (2.33 mL, 27.6 mmol) at 22 °C. Within 15 minutes the solids dissolved, yielding a clear brown solution. After 2 hours the DCM was removed under reduced pressure, followed by azeotropeing with 2 x 50 mL anhydrous benzene. ^1H NMR analysis of an aliquot confirmed clean conversion of the starting acid **111** to the acid chloride. The resulting murky brown oil was diluted with THF (100 mL) under N_2 . Diazomethane (~50-60 mmol, solution in Et_2O) was briefly dried over KOH (5 minutes) and carefully decanted at 0 °C into a 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask. The acid chloride/THF solution was then carefully transferred via cannula to excess diazomethane at 0 °C with gentle stirring, resulting in steady gas evolution. After 30 minutes the starting material was completely consumed (TLC analysis), and the reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude brown oil was purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding diazo ketone **S5** (3.0 g, 96% yield) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.12 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (bs, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.37 (m, 1H), 3.27 – 3.10 (m, 3H), 3.03 (dd, J = 16.1, 8.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.00, 140.89, 137.87, 135.05, 134.53, 123.24, 119.21, 73.67, 72.49, 53.97 (br), 49.64 (br), 35.74, 34.22; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3496,

3081, 3027, 2938, 2900, 2849, 2104, 1635 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [M+H]⁺ 229.0972, found 229.0973.

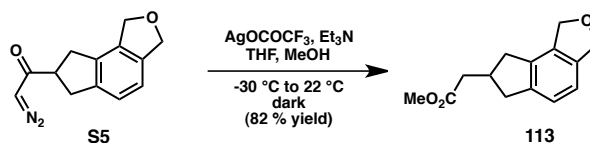
Preparation of Carboxylic Acid **112**



A 250 mL flask was charged with diazo ketone **S5** (3.0 g, 13.2 mmol), THF (55 mL), and water (5.5 mL) and purged with N_2 . The flask was covered in foil and cooled to $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. To a N_2 purged 5 mL conical flask protected from light was added silver trifluoroacetate (290 mg, 1.32 mmol), followed by Et_3N (5.5 mL, 40.0 mmol) with vigorous stirring at $22\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. (Note: vigorous stirring during Et_3N addition is critical to ensure dissolution of silver salt. Lack of stirring can result in a brown silver clump and incomplete dissolution. When dissolved one obtains a clear tan solution). The $\text{Et}_3\text{N}/\text{Ag}$ solution was added in one portion to the clear yellow diazo ketone solution at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction was slowly warmed over 4 hours (starting material consumed by TLC), after which the reaction was quenched with 300 mL 1M HCl. The product was extracted with 2 x 250 mL Et_2O , the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The brown solid was purified by flash chromatography (0→50% $\text{EtOAc}/\text{hexanes}$), affording **112** (2.16 g, 75% yield) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.12 (d, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.04 (t, $J = 6.8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 5.07 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 3.19 (dd, $J = 15.6, 7.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.07 (dd, $J = 15.8, 7.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.95 (septet, $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.69 (dd, $J = 15.6, 7.3\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.64 – 2.43 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 178.1, 142.0, 137.4, 135.5, 135.1, 123.4, 118.9, 73.7, 72.6, 39.6, 38.5, 37.1, 36.1; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3026, 2935, 2848, 2909, 2680, 1728, 1706 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₃O₃ [M-H]⁻ 217.0865, found 217.0872.

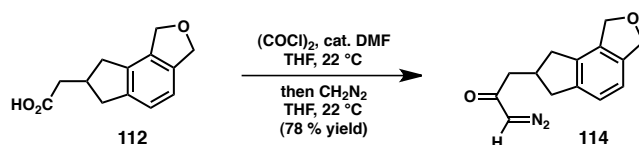
Preparation of Ester 113



A 50 mL flame-dried flask was charged with diazo ketone **S5** (107 mg, 0.47 mmol), THF (5 mL), and MeOH (500 μ L) and purged with N₂. The flask was covered in foil and cooled to -30 °C. To a N₂ purged 5 mL conical flask protected from light was added silver trifluoroacetate (10 mg, 0.047 mmol), followed by Et₃N (196 μ L, 1.41 mmol) with vigorous stirring at 22 °C. (Note: vigorous stirring during Et₃N addition is critical to ensure dissolution of silver salt. Lack of stirring can result in a brown silver clump and incomplete dissolution. When dissolved one obtains a clear tan solution). The Et₃N/Ag solution was added in one portion to the clear yellow diazo ketone solution at -30 °C. The reaction was slowly warmed over 4 hours (starting material consumed by TLC), after which time became was a clear red/brown solution. The reaction was quenched with 1 mL of 1M HCl, and diluted with 50 mL Et₂O. The aqueous layer was cut and back-extracted with 20 mL Et₂O, and the combined organics were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude brown oil was purified (0 \rightarrow 25% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding **113** (89 mg, 82% yield) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (m,

2H), 5.07 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.16 (dd, $J = 15.6, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 15.7, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.65 (dd, $J = 15.6, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.47 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.2, 142.0, 137.4, 135.6, 135.0, 123.3, 118.7, 73.6, 72.5, 51.5, 39.7, 38.5, 37.1, 36.3; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3470, 3020, 2949, 2903, 2845, 1736 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]-\text{H}_2$ 231.1025, found 231.1021.

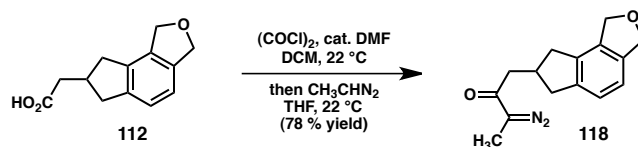
Preparation of Diazo Ketone **114**



A flame-dried 50 mL flask containing acid **112** (154 mg, 0.71 mmol) was charged with THF (10 mL) under N_2 . To the solution was added 1 drop of DMF, followed by oxalyl chloride (120 μL , 1.41 mmol) at 22 $^\circ\text{C}$. After gas evolution had ceased (20 minutes), the dark yellow solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and azeotroped with 3 x 10 mL benzene. ^1H NMR analysis of an aliquot confirmed clean conversion of the starting acid **112** to the acid chloride. The resulting murky brown oil was diluted with THF (20 mL) under N_2 . Diazomethane (15 mL, $\sim 0.4\text{M}$ solution in Et_2O) was briefly dried over KOH (5 minutes) and carefully decanted at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ into a 100 mL flask under N_2 . The solution of the acid chloride in THF was then carefully transferred via cannula over 5 minutes to the diazomethane at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ with gentle stirring, resulting in steady gas evolution. After 30 minutes the starting material was completely consumed (TLC analysis), and the concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude yellow oil was

purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding diazo ketone **114** (126 mg, 78% yield) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.10 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (bs, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 5.06 – 4.98 (m, 2H), 3.15 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.07 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.64 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.45 (m, 3H). IR (NaCl/thin film): 3082, 2933, 2890, 2845, 2010, 1637 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 243.1128, found 243.1126.

Preparation of Diazo Ketone 118

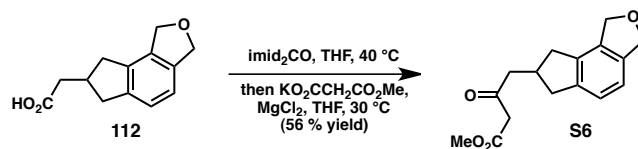


A flame-dried 50 mL flask containing acid **112** (97 mg, 0.44 mmol) was charged with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) under N_2 . To this solution was added 1 drop of DMF, followed by oxalyl chloride (74 μL , 0.88 mmol) at 22 $^\circ\text{C}$. After 1 hour the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. ^1H NMR analysis confirmed clean conversion of the starting acid **112** to the acid chloride. The resulting murky brown oil was diluted with THF (9 mL) under N_2 , and cannulated into a freshly prepared ethereal diazoethane solution (20 mL, ~ 10 mmol) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction mixture was warmed to 22 $^\circ\text{C}$ over 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure (with acetic acid in the trap to quench any unreacted diazoethane). The crude dark yellow oil was purified by flash chromatography (0→50% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding diazo ketone **118** (70 mg, 63% yield) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 3.16 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.10 – 2.89

(m, 2H), 2.72 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.51 (dd, = 15.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 2.04 (br. s, 1H* methyl rotamer), 2.00 – 1.92 (br. s, 2H* methyl rotamer); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.5, 142.0, 137.4, 135.6, 135.1, 123.3, 118.7, 73.6, 72.5, 62.5, 43.1, 38.6, 37.1, 36.2, 8.0. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2916, 2848, 2068, 1631 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 257.1290, found 257.1284.

Preparation of diazoethane: *N*-ethyl-*N*-nitrosourea (1.7 g, 15 mmol) in diethyl ether (20 mL) was slowly added to a stirred 60% aqueous KOH solution (20 mL) at 0 °C. When gas evolution ceased (15 min), the ethereal layer was separated and briefly dried with KOH (5 min) at 0 °C. **Warning:** Diazoethane is a highly toxic volatile compound.

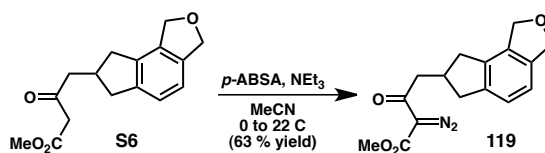
Preparation of β -Ketoester S6



A flame-dried 25 mL round-bottom flask equipped with stir bar and reflux condenser was charged with potassium monomethyl malonate (156 mg, 1.00 mmol) and MgCl_2 (70 mg, 0.74 mmol). This flask was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen 3 times. THF (2 mL) was added and the suspension was heated to 65 °C for 3 h, followed by 30 °C for 2 h. A separate 15 mL flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with acid **112** (160 mg, 0.73 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and carbonyl diimidazole (140 mg, 0.88 mmol) was added as a suspension in THF (2 mL). The flask was fitted with a reflux condenser and the solution was heated at 40 °C for 1 hour. The resulting acyl imidazole solution was added dropwise via syringe to the magnesium malonate suspension at 30 °C

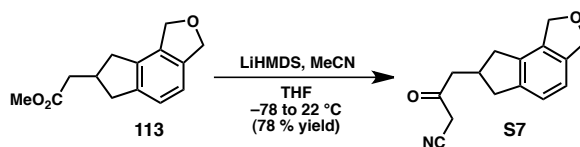
(NOTE: a white precipitate forms rapidly, and vigorous stirring is necessary to avoid clumping). After 40 h the white suspension was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by the addition of 1M HCl (5 mL). The reaction was extracted into EtOAc (3 x 10 mL), washed with water (ca. 15 mL), saturated aqueous NaCl (ca. 15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and filtered. Concentration under reduced pressure yielded a crude oil, which was purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding β -ketoester **S6** (113 mg, 56% yield) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, compound exists as a 10:1 mixture of ketone : enol tautomers, only major ketone peaks are reported) δ 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (apparent s, 2H), 5.07 – 4.93 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 1H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 3.17 (dd, J = 15.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, J = 15.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J = 15.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, compound exists as a 10:1 mixture of ketone : enol tautomers, ketone tautomer is designated by *, enol tautomer is denoted by §) δ ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.9*, 177.3§, 172.9§, 167.5*, 142.1§, 142.0*, 137.41*, 137.38§, 135.6§, 135.5*, 135.1*, 123.3*, 118.8*, 89.7§, 73.7*, 72.5*, 52.4*, 51.1§, 49.2*, 48.7*, 40.7§, 38.5*, 38.4§, 37.2§, 37.1*, 36.9§, 34.9*. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2840, 1744, 1712 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for C₁₆H₁₇O₄ [M+H]⁺ 275.1283, found 275.1266.

Preparation of Diazo β -Ketoester 119



To a flame-dried 15 mL round-bottom flask was added β -ketoester **S6** (160 mg, 0.58 mmol), *p*-ABSA (182 mg, 0.76 mmol) and dry MeCN (5 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and triethylamine (180 μ L, 1.3 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to 22 °C over the period of 12 h, after which time TLC analysis showed complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and treated with 3:1 pentane:EtOAc (ca 10 mL). The slurry was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The crude white solid was purified by flash chromatography (3:1 pentane:EtOAc) yielding diazoketone **119** (110 mg, 63% yield) as a white solid. NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 5.02 (apparent s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.16 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 3.04 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.66 (dd, J = 15.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 15.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.9, 161.7, 142.2, 137.25, 135.8, 135.0, 123.3, 118.6, 76.0, 73.7, 72.5, 52.2, 45.8, 38.6, 37.1, 35.8. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2953, 2900, 2846, 2135, 1722, 1655 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₄ [M-H]⁻ 299.1037, found 299.1028.

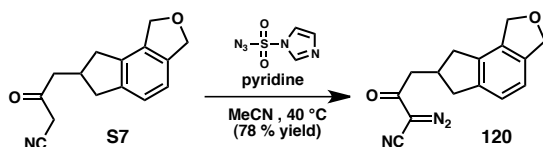
Preparation of β -Ketonitrile **S7**



A flame-dried 25 mL round-bottom flask was charged with LiHMDS (1M solution in THF, 750 μ L, 0.75 mmol) and THF (2 mL), and cooled to -78 °C. MeCN (45 μ L, 0.86 mmol) was added dropwise and solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. A

solution of ester **113** (83 mg, 0.36 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise and resulting solution was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 30 min and subsequently warmed to $22\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. TLC analysis showed complete consumption of starting material. Et₂O (20 mL) was added and reaction was quenched by the addition of aqueous saturated NH₄Cl (3 mL). The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude yellow oil was purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield β -ketonitrile **S7** (79 mg, 91% yield) as a yellow oil. NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (appar. s, 2H), 5.06 – 4.93 (m, 2H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 3.19 (dd, J = 15.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 15.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.59 (dd, J = 15.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, J = 15.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 141.5, 137.5, 135.1, 135.1, 123.3, 118.9, 113.7, 73.6, 72.4, 47.7, 38.3, 36.9, 34.7, 32.2. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2943, 2911, 2847, 2260, 1730 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₅H₁₆NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 242.1181, found 242.1176.

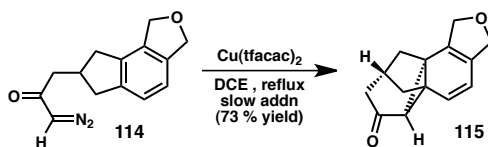
Preparation of Diazo β -Ketonitrile **120**



Pyridine (1.13 mL, 14.0 mmol) was added to a solution of imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide³⁵ (581 mg, 3.36 mmol) and β -ketonitrile **S7** (675 mg, 2.80 mmol) in MeCN (25 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at $40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 7 h, after which time TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting β -ketonitrile **S7**. The reaction mixture was

concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→50% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding diazo β -ketonitrile **120** (460 mg, 62% yield) as a white solid. NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 15.6, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.92 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.66 (dd, $J = 15.7, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 15.1, 6.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.3, 141.5, 137.6, 135.12, 135.07, 123.4, 119.0, 108.3, 73.7, 72.5, 57.5, 44.9, 38.4, 37.0, 35.8. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2896, 2847, 2222, 2129, 1674 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{N}_2+\text{H}]^+$ 240.1019, found 240.1016.

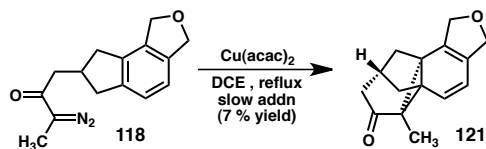
Cyclopropanation of Diazoketone **114**



A flame-dried 250 mL three-neck round bottom flask, equipped with stir bar, water-cooled condenser and septa, was charged with a solution of $\text{Cu}(\text{tfacac})_2$ (54 mg, 0.15 mmol) in DCE (20 mL) and was heated to reflux under nitrogen. After 15 min a solution of **114** (0.70 g, 2.9 mmol) in DCE (40 mL) was added at the rate of 0.8 mL/min (syringe pump). Upon completion of the addition, heating was continued for an additional 20 min. TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting diazoketone **114**, and reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude brown oil was purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding norcaradiene **115** (450 mg, 73% yield) as yellow oil, which slowly turns into yellow solid upon storage at -

20 °C. NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.27 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 4.85 – 4.58 (m, 3H), 2.35 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.18 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.08 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dd, J = 12.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.1, 133.3, 129.4, 128.1, 118.4, 75.2, 75.1, 43.8, 43.2, 39.2, 38.2, 35.6, 34.0, 27.4. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2932, 2863, 1690, cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 215.1072, found 215.1068.

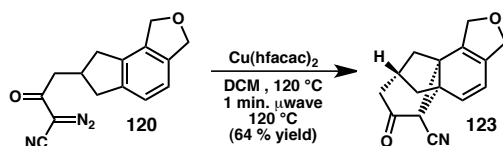
Cyclopropanation of Diazoketone **118**



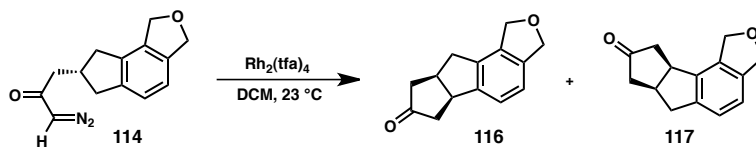
A flame-dried 50 mL three-neck round bottom flask, equipped with stir bar, water-cooled condenser and septa, was charged with the solution of $\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$ (2.6 mg, 0.01 mmol) in DCE (10 mL) and was heated to reflux under nitrogen. After 10 min, a solution of **118** (50 mg, 0.20 mmol) in DCE (20 mL) was added at a rate of 10 mL/hour (syringe pump). Upon completion of the addition, the solution was heated at reflux for additional 60 min. TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting diazoketone **118**, and reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude brown oil was purified by preparative HPLC chromatography (20→50% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding norcaradiene **121** (3 mg, 7% yield) as white solid. NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.16 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91 – 4.59 (m, 4H), 2.27 – 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.75 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.1, 131.59, 131.54, 126.5, 120.6, 75.4, 75.0, 46.6, 45.0, 40.5, 36.9,

35.2, 31.1, 26.7, 7.0. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2927, 2850, 1738 (weak) 1682, cm^{-1} HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.1229, found 229.1223.

Cyclopropanation of Diazo β -Ketonitrile **120**



A microwave reaction vessel equipped with a stir bar was charged with a solution of diazo β -ketonitrile **120** (53 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). $\text{Cu}(\text{hfacac})_2$ (9.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was added via syringe through the septa of the sealed vial. The vial was placed in the microwave reactor and heated to 120°C for 1 minute (ramp from 22°C to 120°C required 2 min). TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting material. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0 \rightarrow 100% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding norcaradiene **123** (30 mg, 64% yield) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.41 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.02 – 4.84 (m, 2H), 4.84 – 4.69 (m, 2H), 2.46 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 2.24 – 2.15 (m, 3H), 2.11 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 134.7, 130.0, 124.4, 123.0, 111.8, 75.0, 74.6, 51.1, 47.0, 43.4, 36.0, 34.6, 29.7, 26.3. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2963, 2850, 2234, 1691, cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 240.1019, found 240.1025.

Isolation of C-H Insertion of Byproducts of α -Diazoketone **114**

A flame-dried 50 mL round bottom flask, equipped with stir bar and septa, was charged with $\text{Rh}_2(\text{tfa})_4$ (2 mg, 0.003 mmol) and DCM (10 mL). A solution of **114** (15 mg, 0.06 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was slowly added to the above solution at over the period of 5 minutes. Gas evolution was observed. The resulting solution was stirred for an additional 2 hours. TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting diazoketone **114**, and reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. ^1H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture indicated approximately 40% combined yield of two isomeric C-H insertion products ($\sim 8:1$ ratio of C-H insertion to cyclopropanation). The crude residue was loaded on preparative TLC plate and developed in 1:1 EtOAc/hexanes. UV active band with $R_f \sim 0.6$ was cut out and extracted into EtOAc. Further purification was achieved by preparative HPLC chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding two C-H insertion products (\pm)-**116** (2 mg, 7% yield) and (\pm)-**117** (1.5 mg, 5% yield) as white solids. Relative stereochemistry was assigned by NOE experiments. **116** (less polar product): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.16 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.03 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.30 – 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.84 (app. d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (ddd, $J = 19.0, 9.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (ddd, $J = 18.9, 8.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, $J = 18.9, 3.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 (ddd, $J = 18.8, 7.3, 1.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 218.6, 141.8, 138.5, 138.2, 135.7, 124.4, 119.9, 73.3, 71.8, 44.9, 43.9, 41.8, 39.7, 38.5. IR (NaCl/thin film):

2916, 2849, 1731, 1462 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₄H₁₃O₂⁺ [M – H]⁺ 213.0910, found 213.0914.

117 (more polar product): ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (s, 2H), 5.13 – 5.08 (m, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.88 (td, J = 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (pd, J = 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 16.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (ddd, J = 19.0, 9.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.97 (dd, J = 18.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 218.8, 144.6, 138.4, 136.0, 123.6, 119.6, 73.6, 72.5, 65.9, 45.6, 43.9, 43.6, 39.8, 36.9. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2917, 2849, 1737, 1465 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₁₄H₁₃O₂ + [M – H]⁺ 213.0910, found 213.0913.

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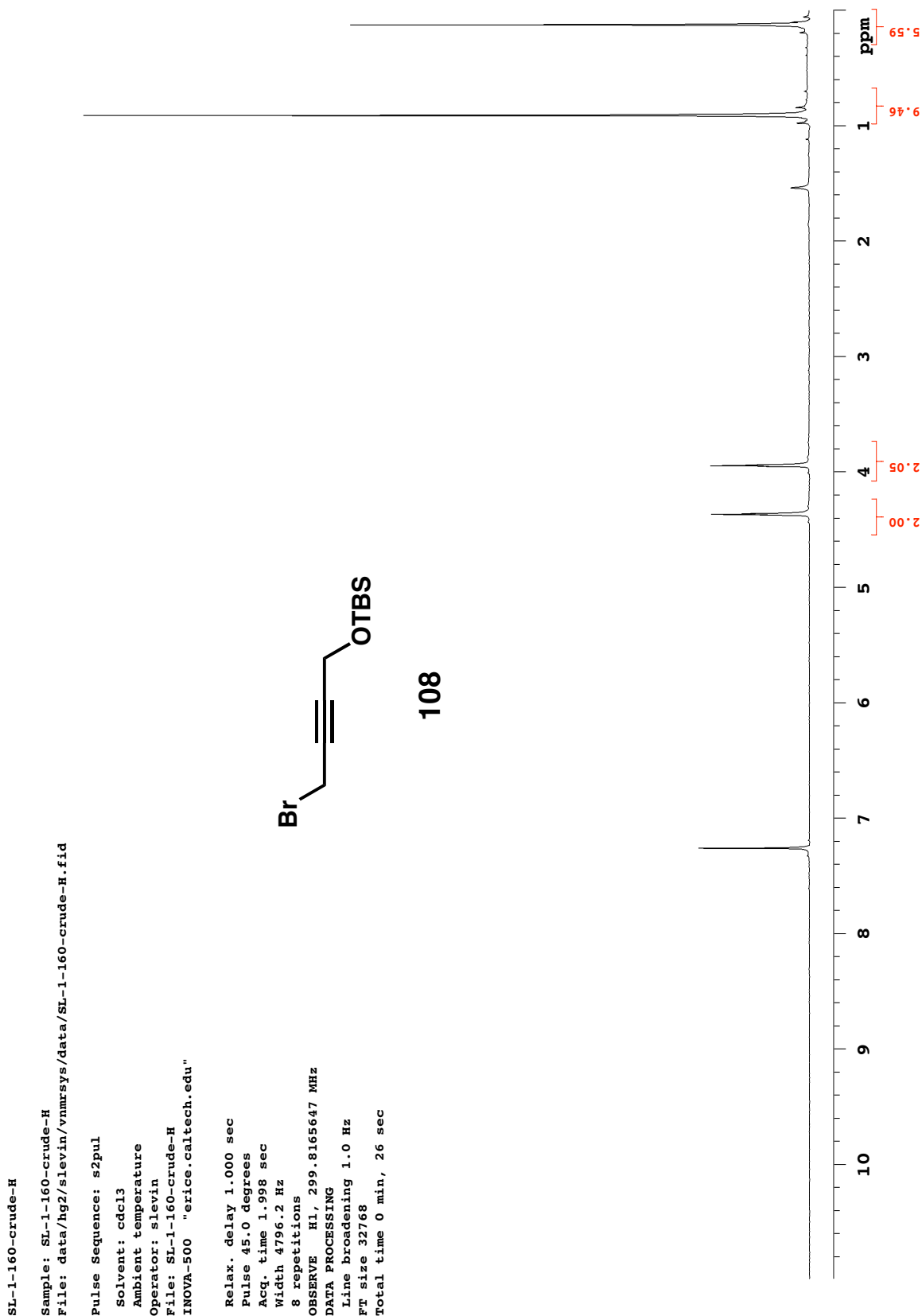
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Appendix 1

Spectra Relevant to Chapter 2:

An Introduction to Salvileucalin B



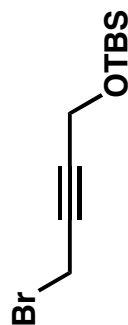
bromide

Sample: RRN-2-propargylBr
File: data/indy/slevin/vnmrsys/data/RRN-2-propargylBr/CARBON01.fid

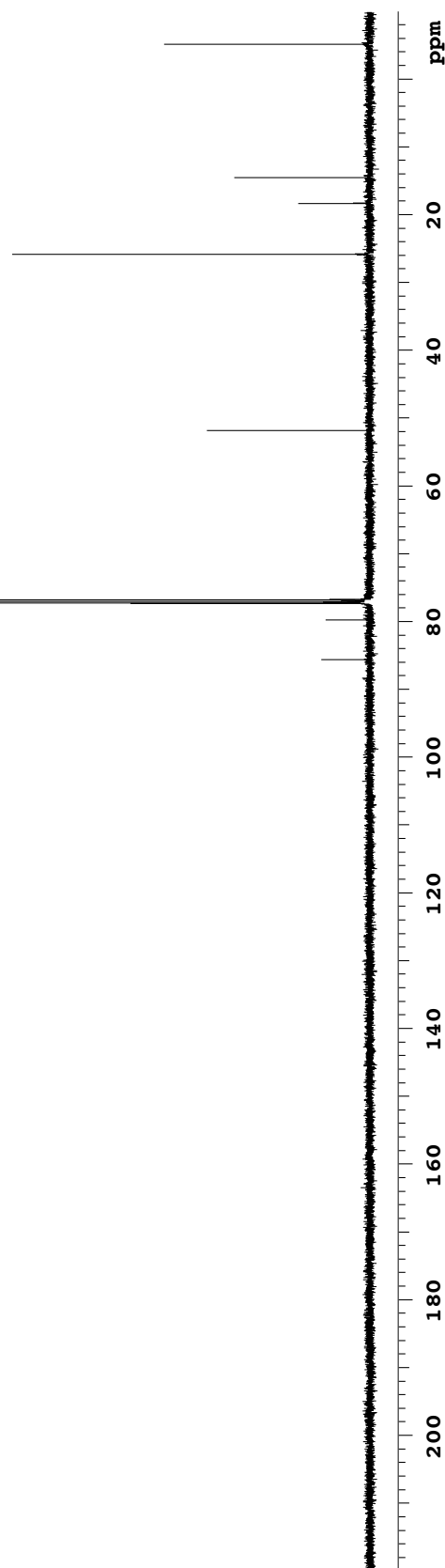
Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3
Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
Sample #1, Operator: slevin
File: CARBON01
INOVIA-500 "erice.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
1000 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6635141 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 35 min, 38 sec



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RRN-2-233-6

Sample Name:

RRN-2-233-6-1H

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmrSYS/data

Sample directory:

RRN-2-233-6-1H

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Nov 11 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #5, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

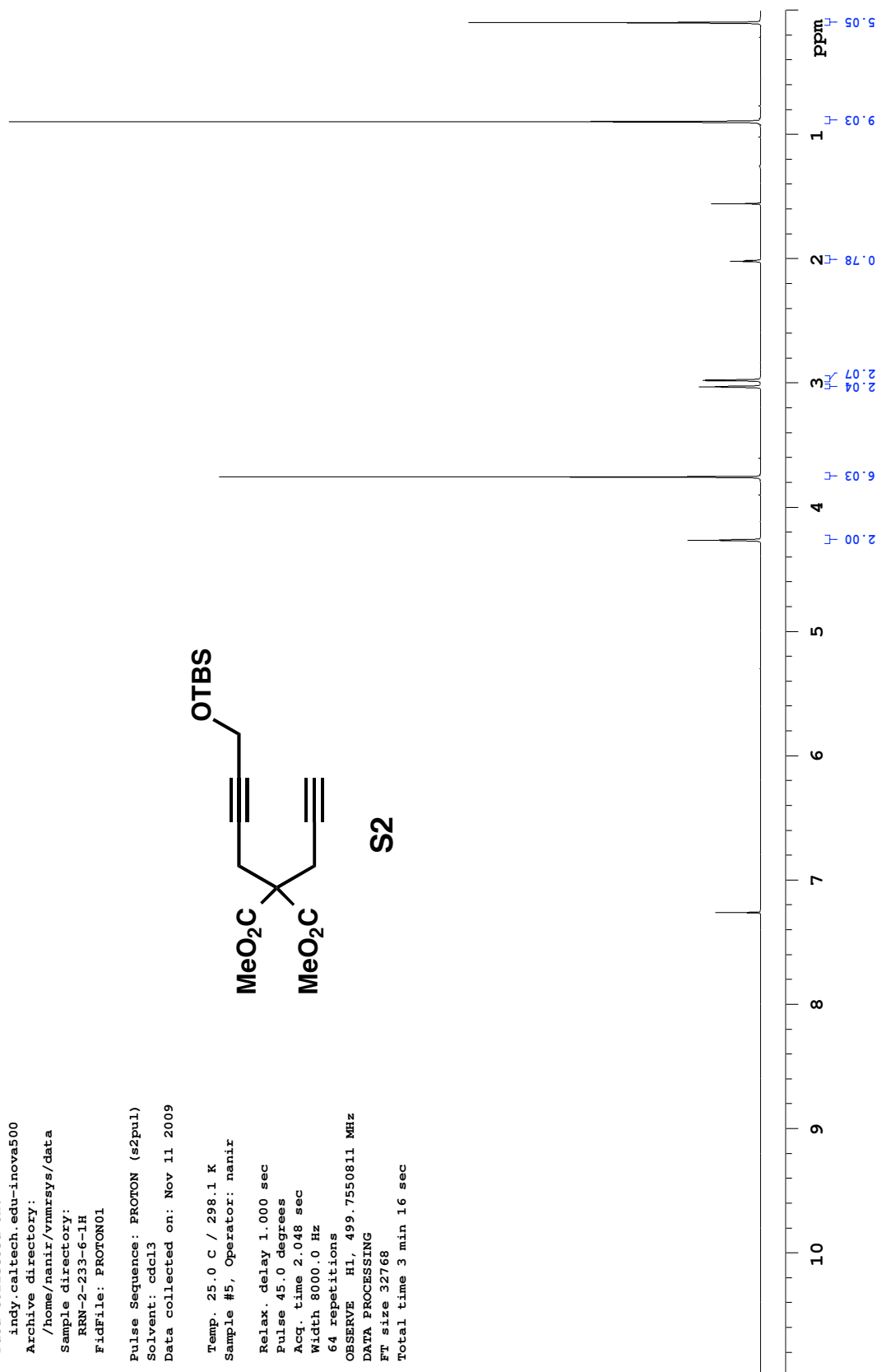
64 repetitions

OBSERVE H1, 499.7550811 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Ft size 32768

Total time 3 min 16 sec



RRN-2-234-6

Sample Name:

RRN-2-234-6

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoa500

Archive directory:

Sample directory:

FidFile: Carbon_02

Pulse Sequence: Carbon (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 9 2009

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.300 sec

Width 30165.9 Hz

512 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.663528 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

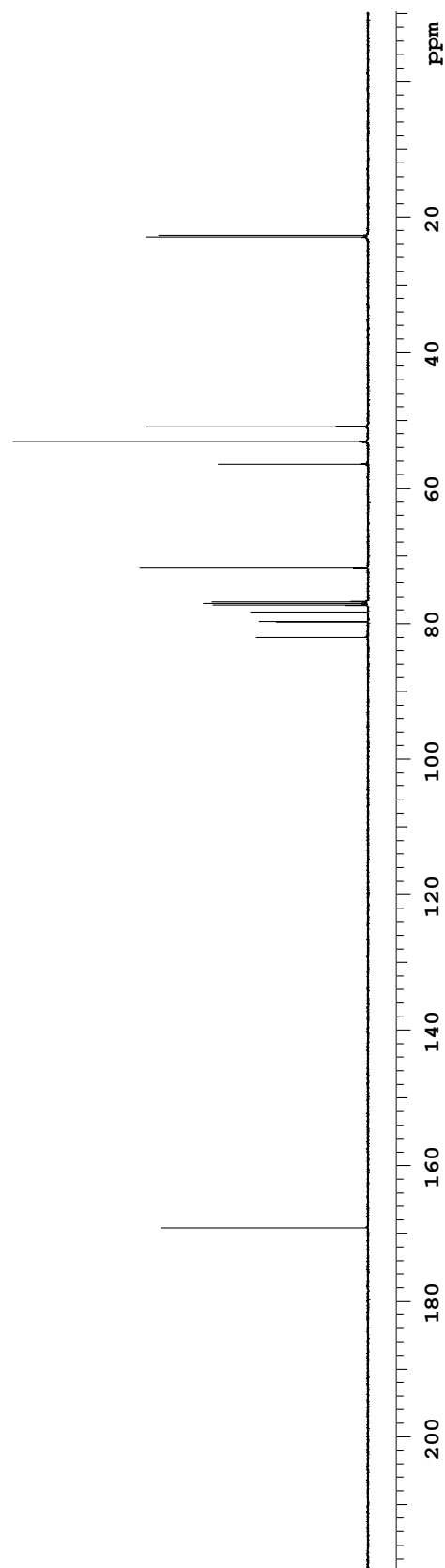
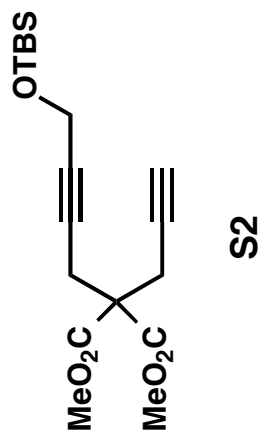
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 131072

Total time 19 min



RRN-2-234-6

Sample Name:

RRN-2-234-6

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

Sample directory:

FidFile: Proton_02

Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 9 2009

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

16 repetitions

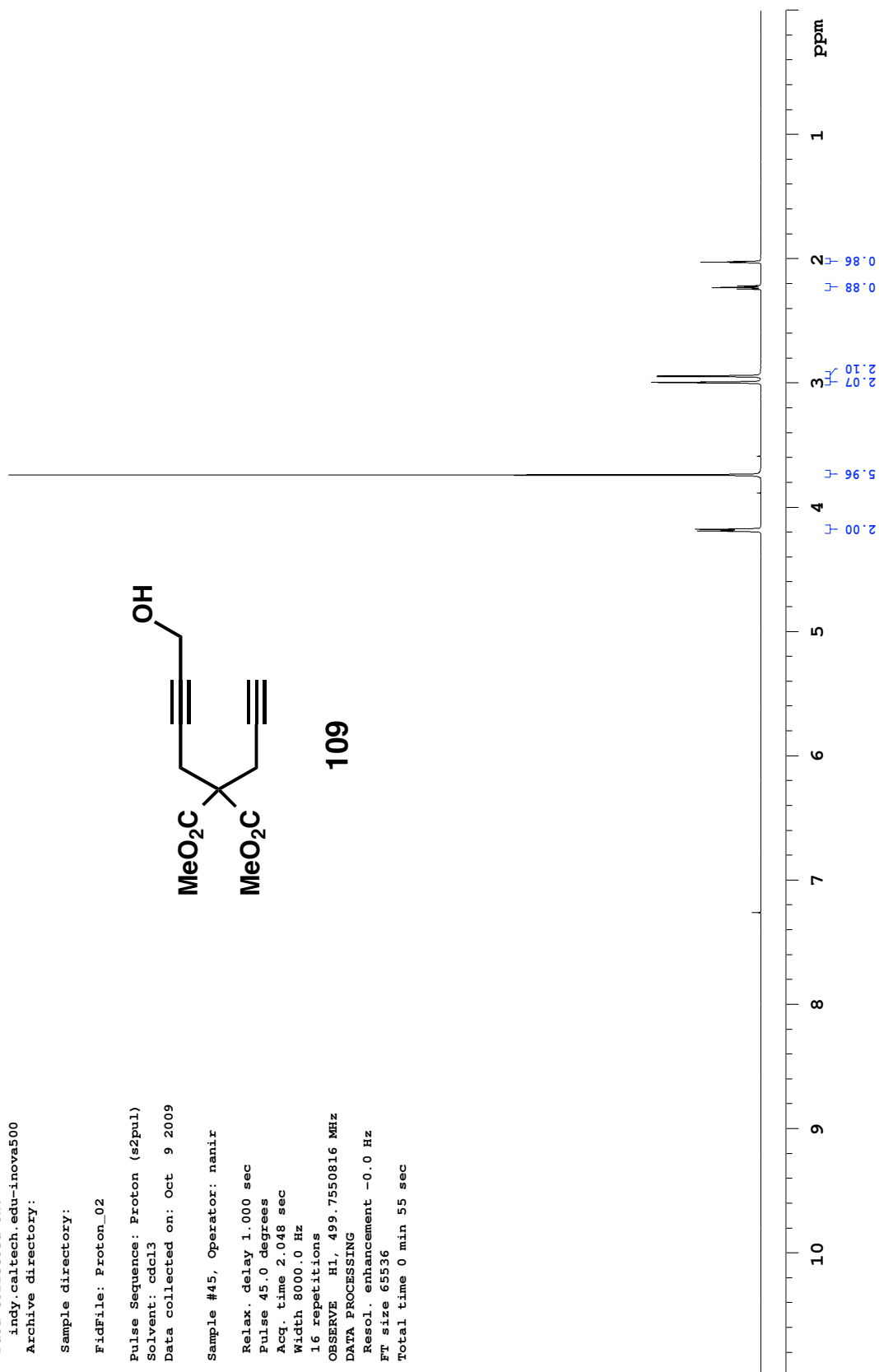
OBSERVE H1, 499.7550816 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 0 min 55 sec



RRN-2-234-6

Sample Name:

RRN-2-234-6

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

Sample directory:

FidFile: Carbon_02

Pulse Sequence: Carbon (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 9 2009

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.300 sec

Width 30165.9 Hz

512 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.663528 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

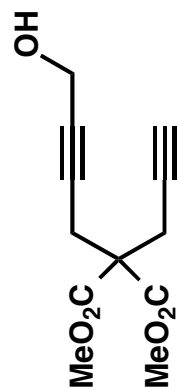
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

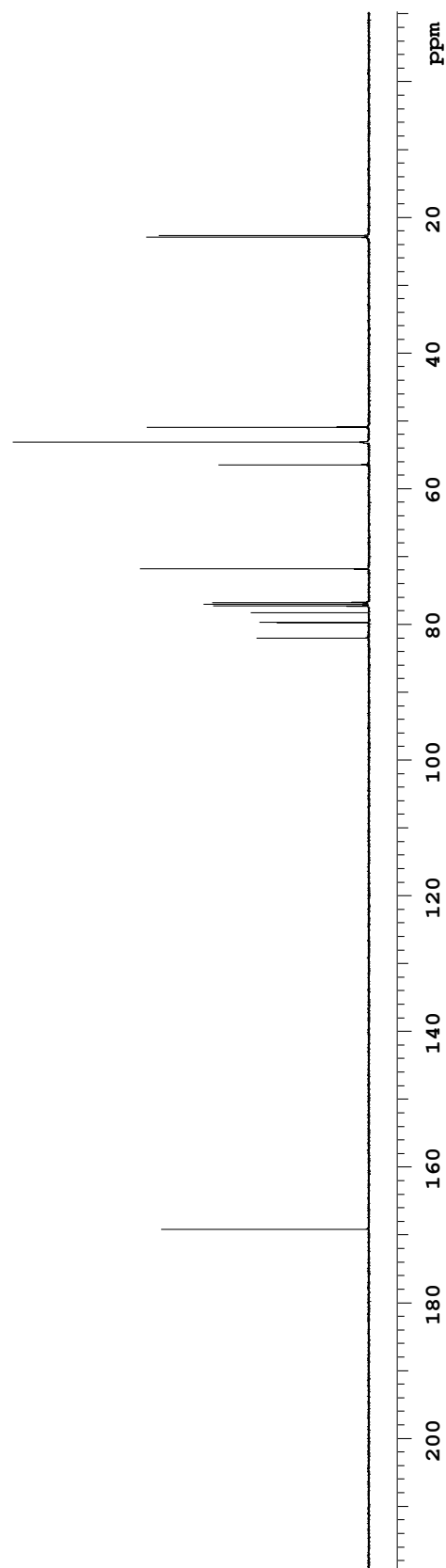
Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 131072

Total time 19 min



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RRN-2-238-2

Sample Name:

RRN-2-238-2

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

Sample directory:

FidFile: Proton_01

Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 11 2009

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

16 repetitions

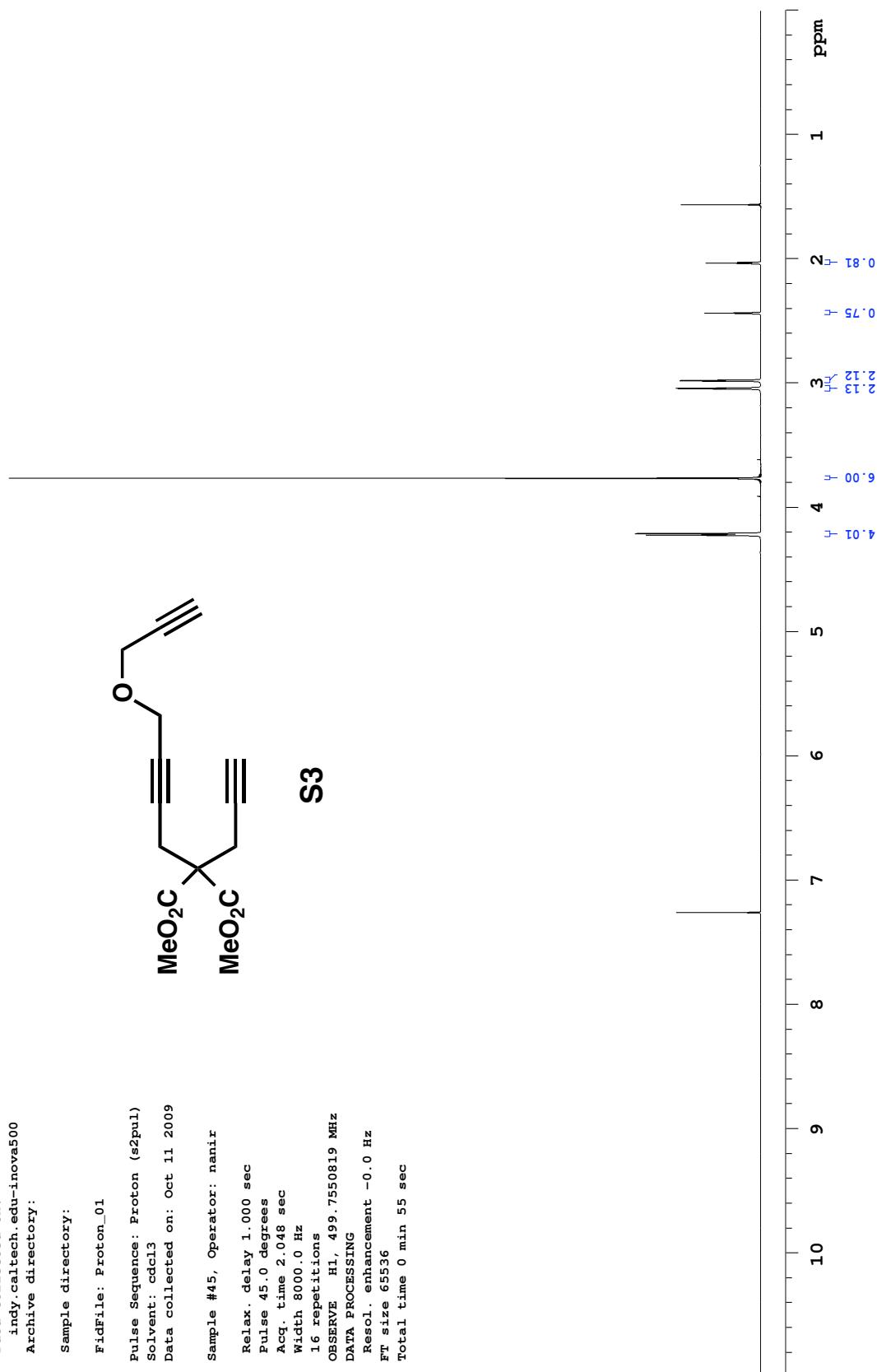
OBSERVE H1, 499.7550819 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 0 min 55 sec



RRN-2-238-2

Sample Name:

RRN-2-238-2

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

Sample directory:

FidFile: Carbon_02

Pulse Sequence: Carbon (s2pul)

solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 11 2009

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.300 sec

Width 30165.9 Hz

1000 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635164 MHZ

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHZ

Power 39 dB

continuously on

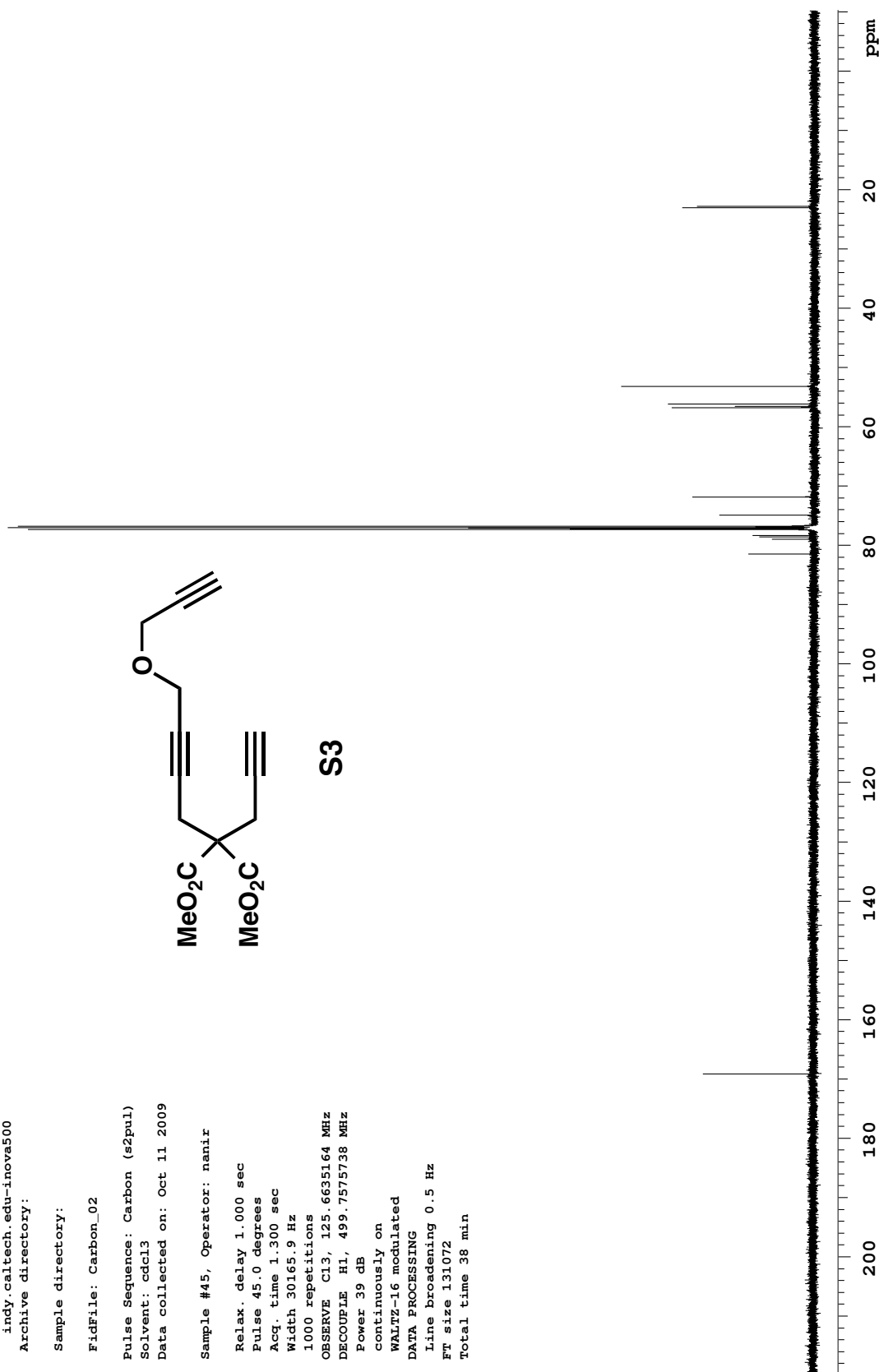
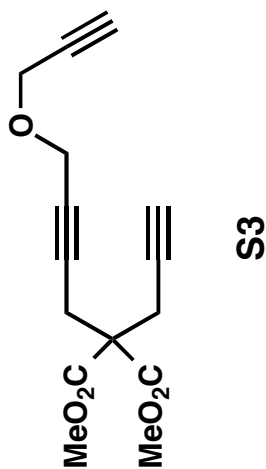
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 131072

Total time 38 min



RRN-2-239-4

Sample Name:

RRN-2-239-4

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

RRN-2-239-405

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 12 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

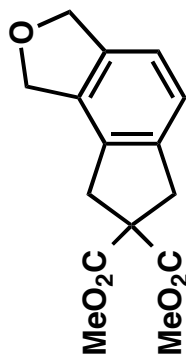
16 repetitions

OBSERVE H1, 499.7550816 MHz

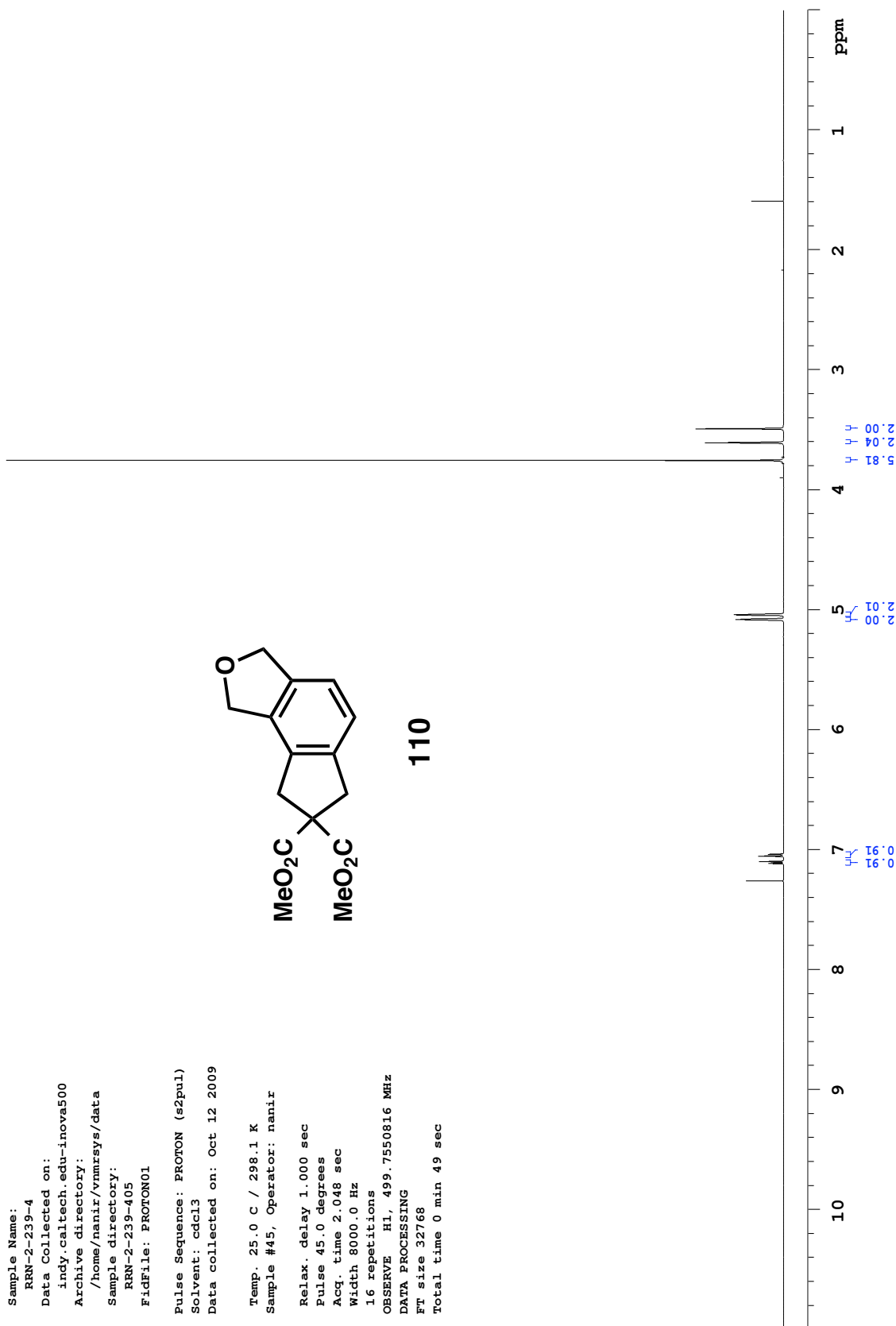
DATA PROCESSING

Ft size 32768

Total time 0 min 49 sec



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Sample: RRN-2-239-4

File: indy/nanir/vnmrsys/data/RRN-2-239-405/CARBON01.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

File: CARBON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

512 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635166 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

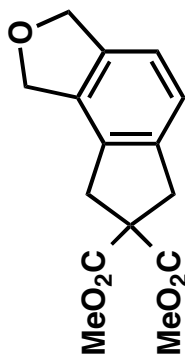
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

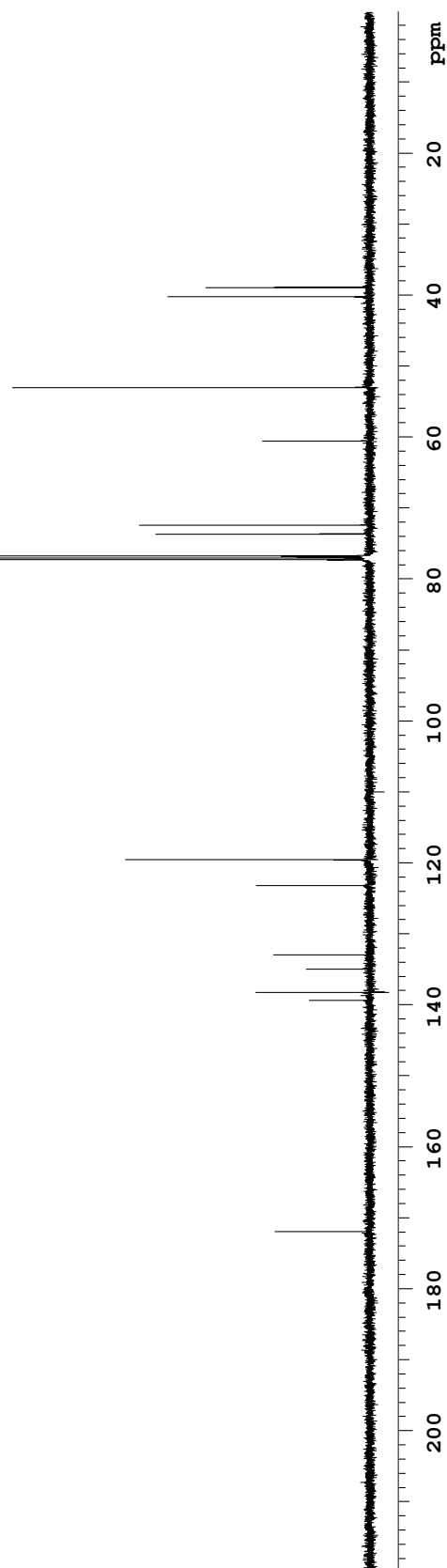
Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 17 min, 30 sec



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RRN-2-241-2

Sample Name:

RRN-2-241-2

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmr500/data

Sample directory:

RRN-2-241-201

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 14 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #43, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

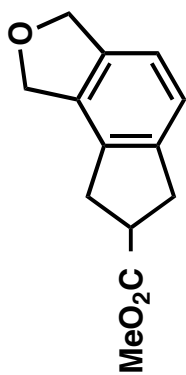
16 repetitions

OBSERVE H1, 499.7550811 MHz

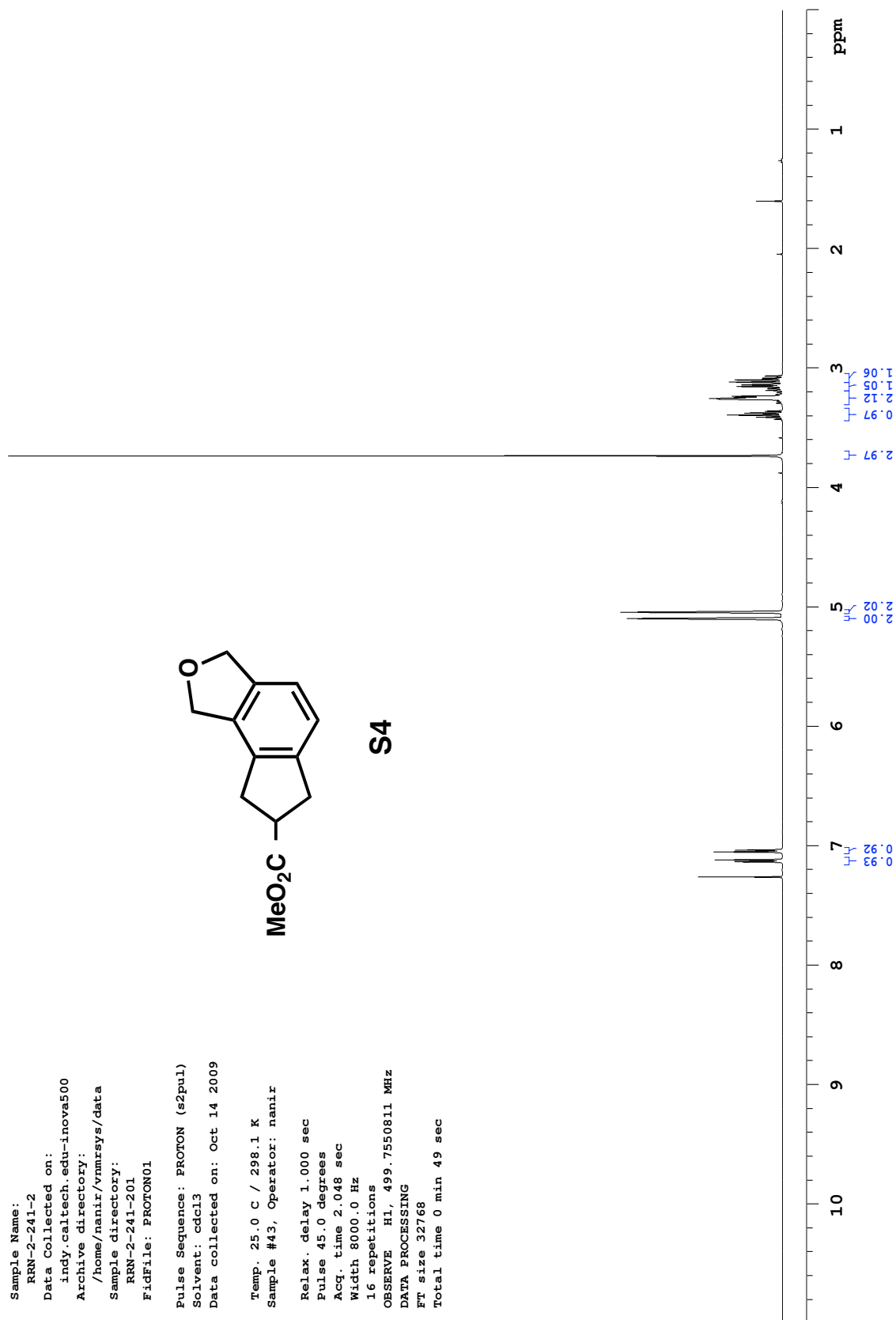
DATA PROCESSING

Ft size 32768

Total time 0 min 49 sec



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RRN-2-241-2

Sample Name:

RRN-2-241-2

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

RRN-2-241-201

FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 14 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #43, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

512 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635166 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

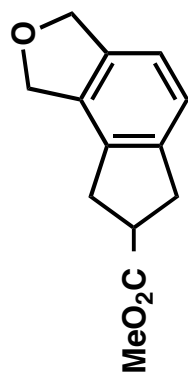
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

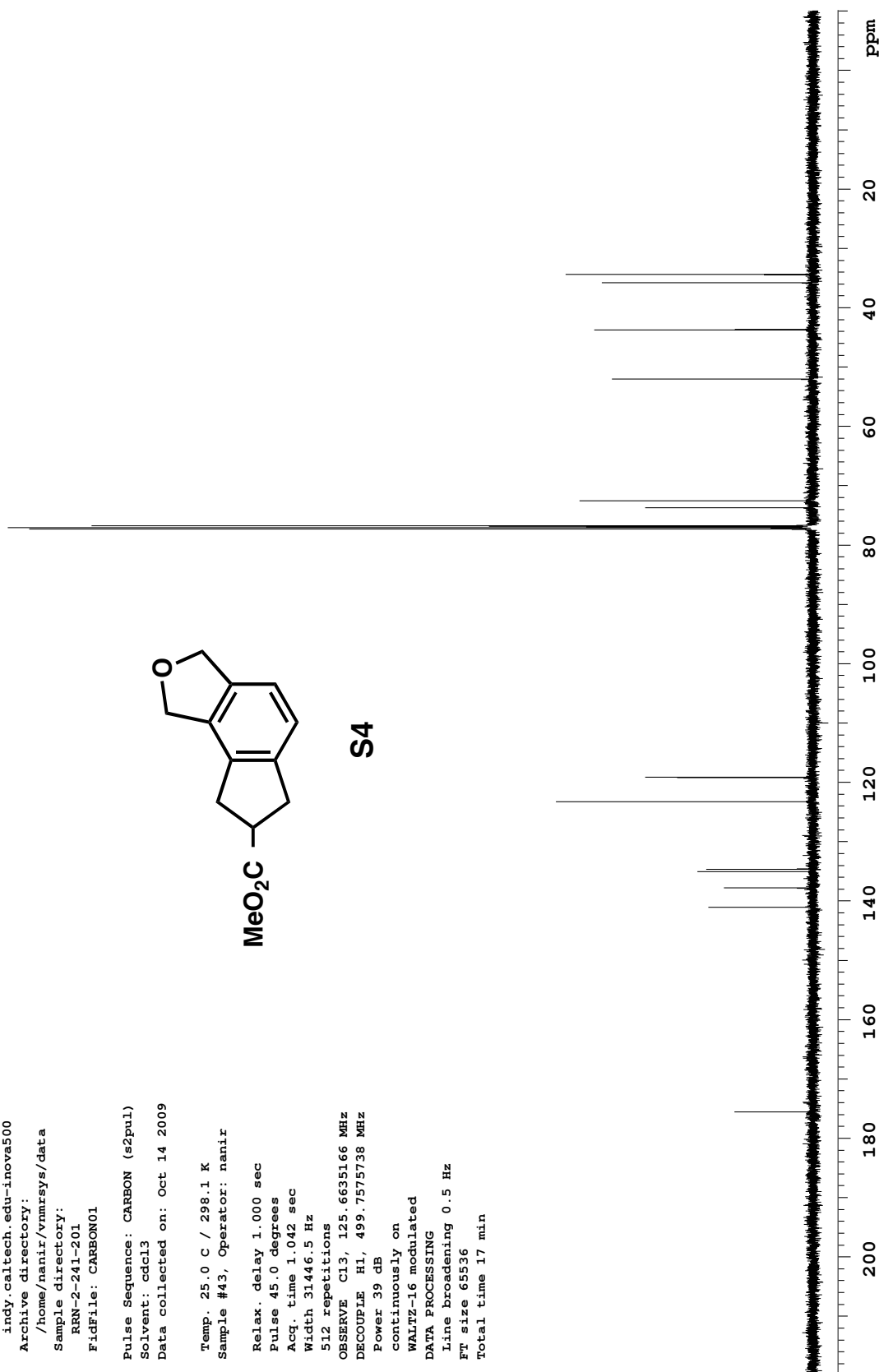
Line broadening 0.5 Hz

Ft size 65536

Total time 17 min

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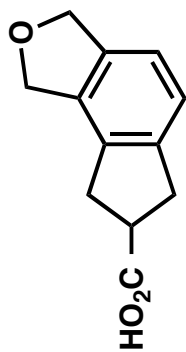
carboxylic acid

Sample: RRN-2-286-1H
File: indy/nanir/vnmrsys/data/RRN-2-286-1H/PROTON01.fid

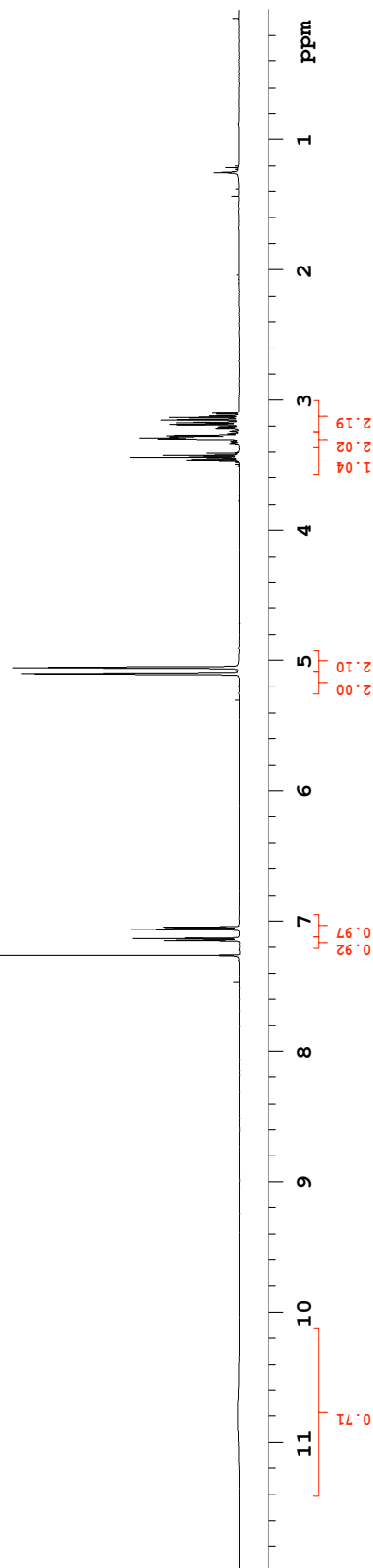
Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3
Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
Sample #1, Operator: nanir
File: PROTON01
INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 2.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.048 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
64 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7550816 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 4 min, 20 sec



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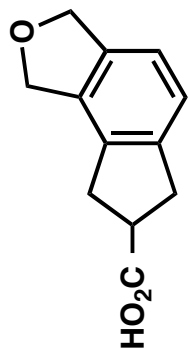
carboxylic acid

Sample: RRN-2-286-13C
File: indy/nanir/vnmrsys/data/RRN-2-286-13C/CARBON01.fid

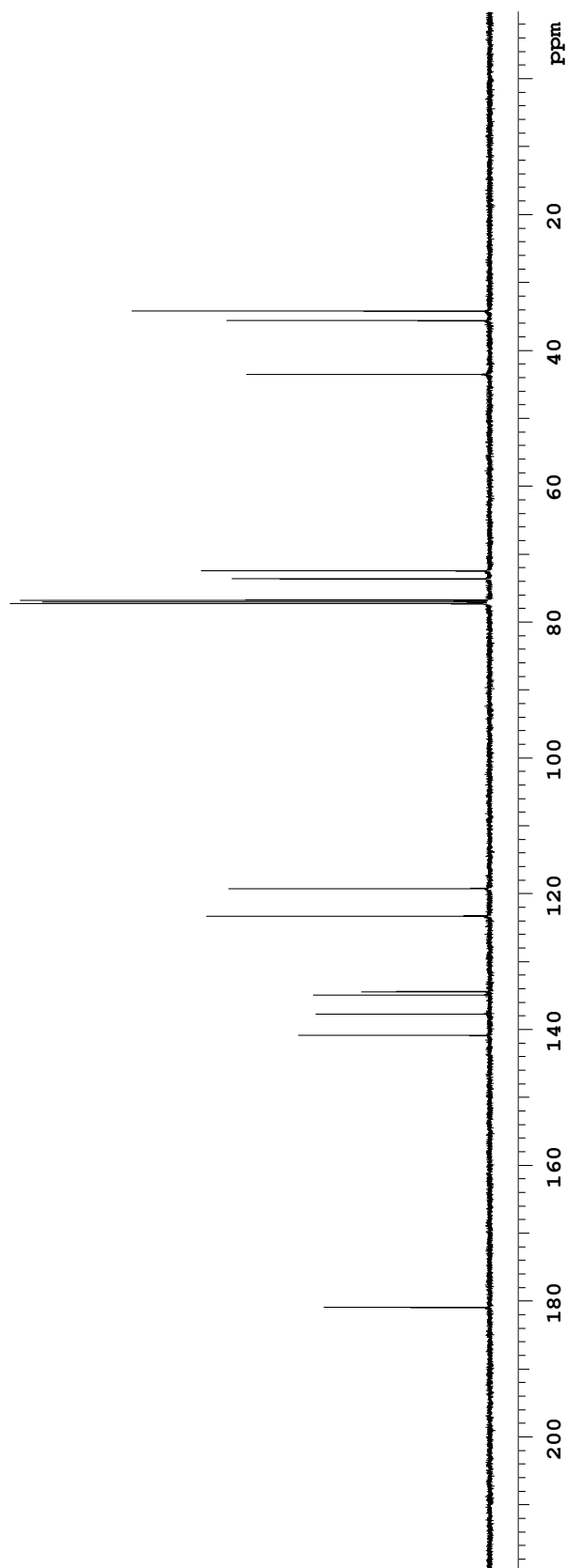
Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3
Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
Sample #2, Operator: nanir
File: CARBON01
INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
1000 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6635204 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
Ft size 65536
Total time 34 min, 11 sec



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RRN-2-287-3

Sample Name:

RRN-2-287-3

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmrSYS/data

Sample directory:

RRN-2-287-3

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Nov 12 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #1, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 2.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

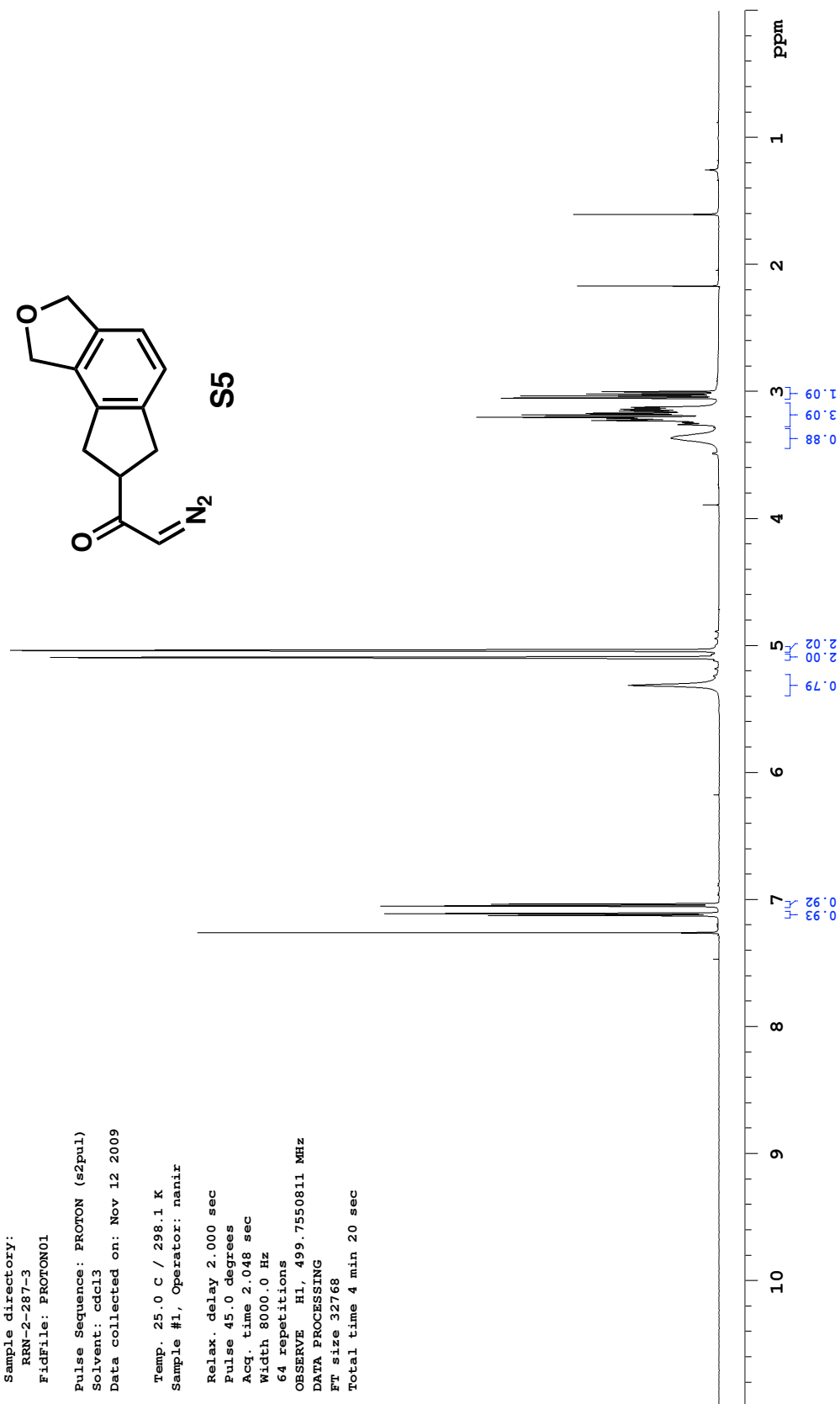
64 repetitions

OBSERVE H1, 499.7550811 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Ft size 32768

Total time 4 min 20 sec



RRN-2-287-3

Sample Name:
RRN-2-287-3
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vnmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-2-287-3
FidFile: CARBON01

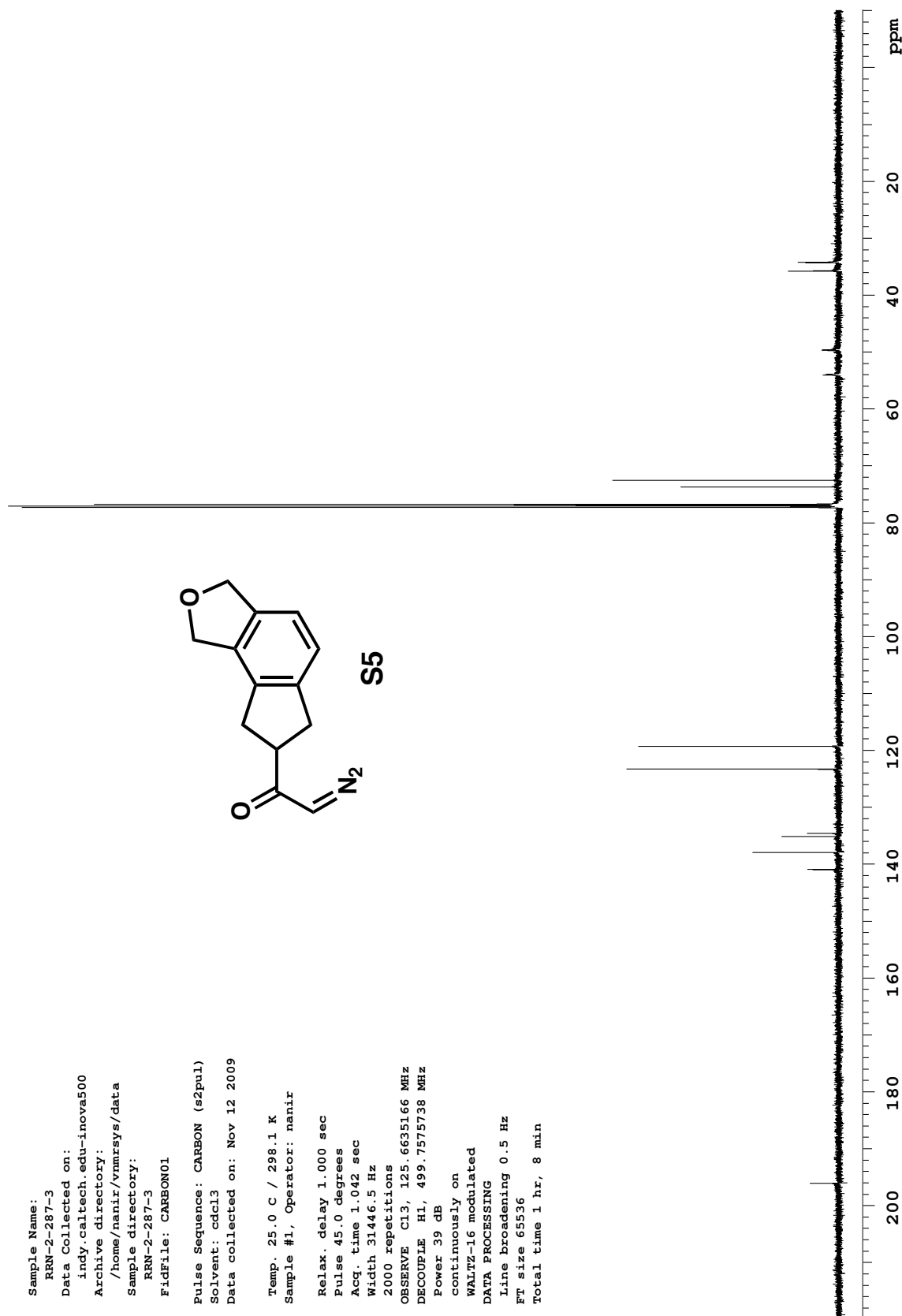
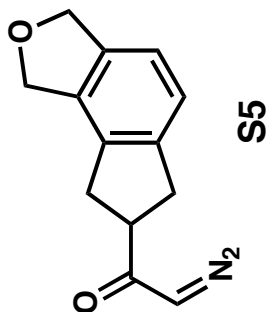
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Nov 12 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
Sample #1, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
2000 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635166 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 1 hr, 8 min



SL-3-007-500-H

Sample: SL-3-007-500-H

File: indy/slevin/vnmrsys/data/SL-3-007-500-H/PROTON01.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #48, Operator: slevin

File: PROTON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

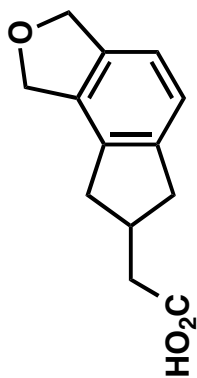
8 repetitions

OBSERVE H1, 499.7550814 MHz

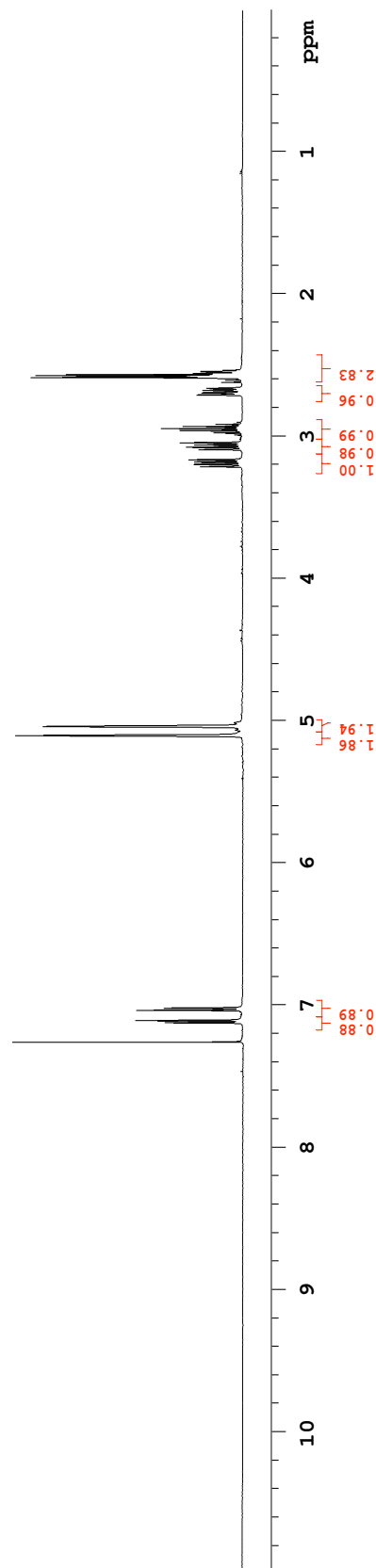
DATA PROCESSING

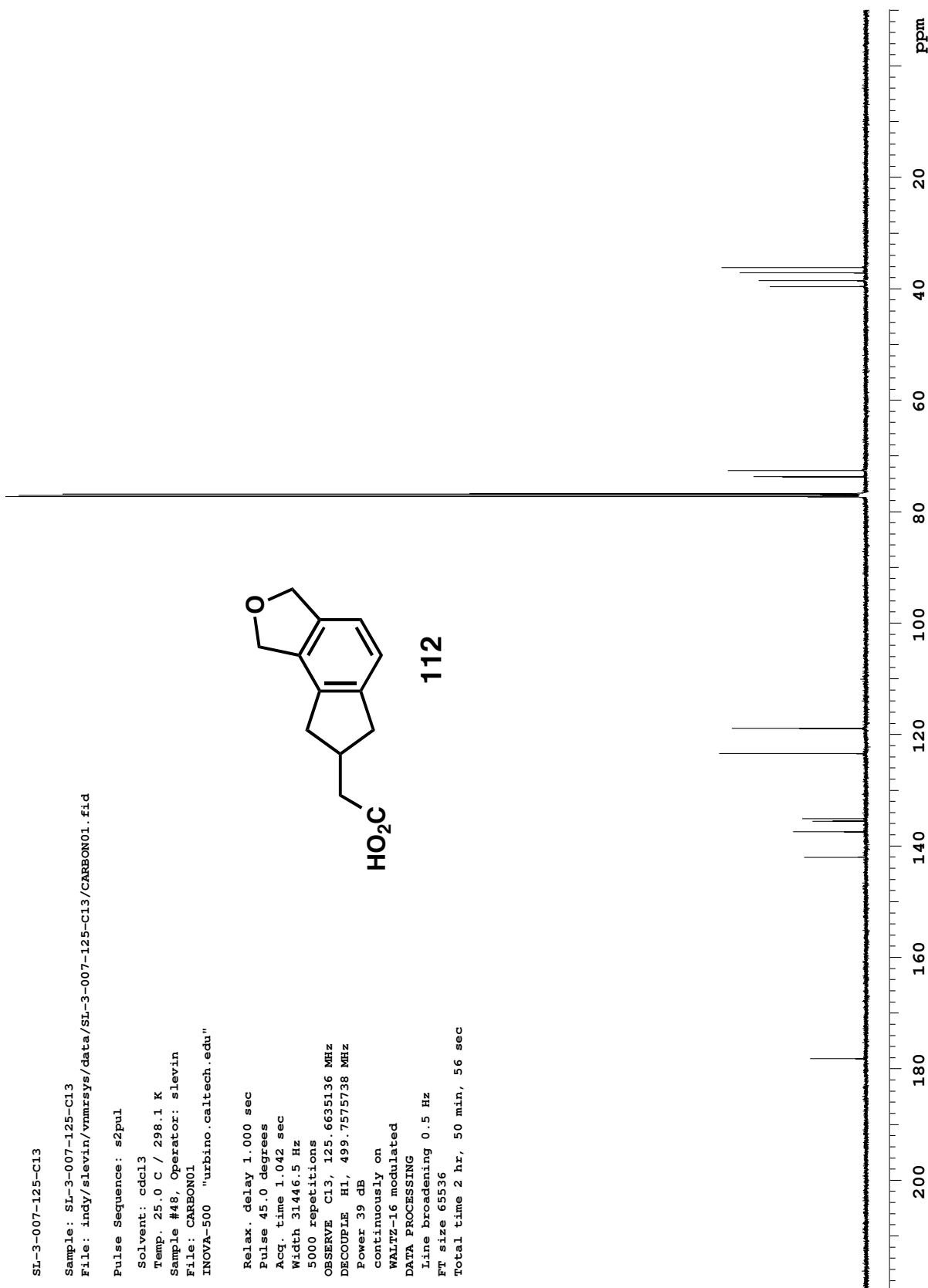
FT size 32768

Total time 0 min, 24 sec



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RRN-2-288-2

Sample Name:

RRN-2-288-2

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmrSYS/data

Sample directory:

RRN-2-288-2

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Nov 13 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #1, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 2.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

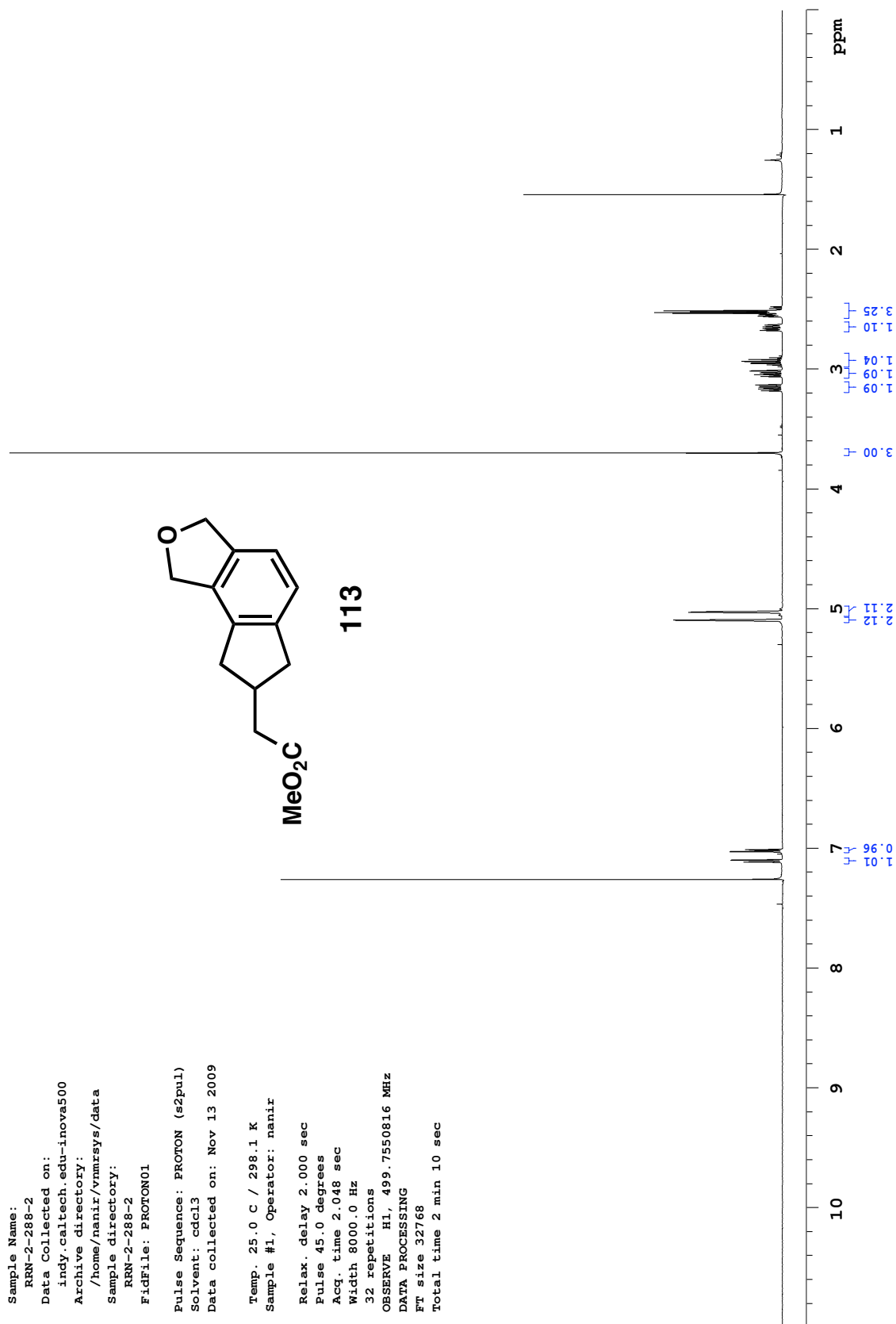
32 repetitions

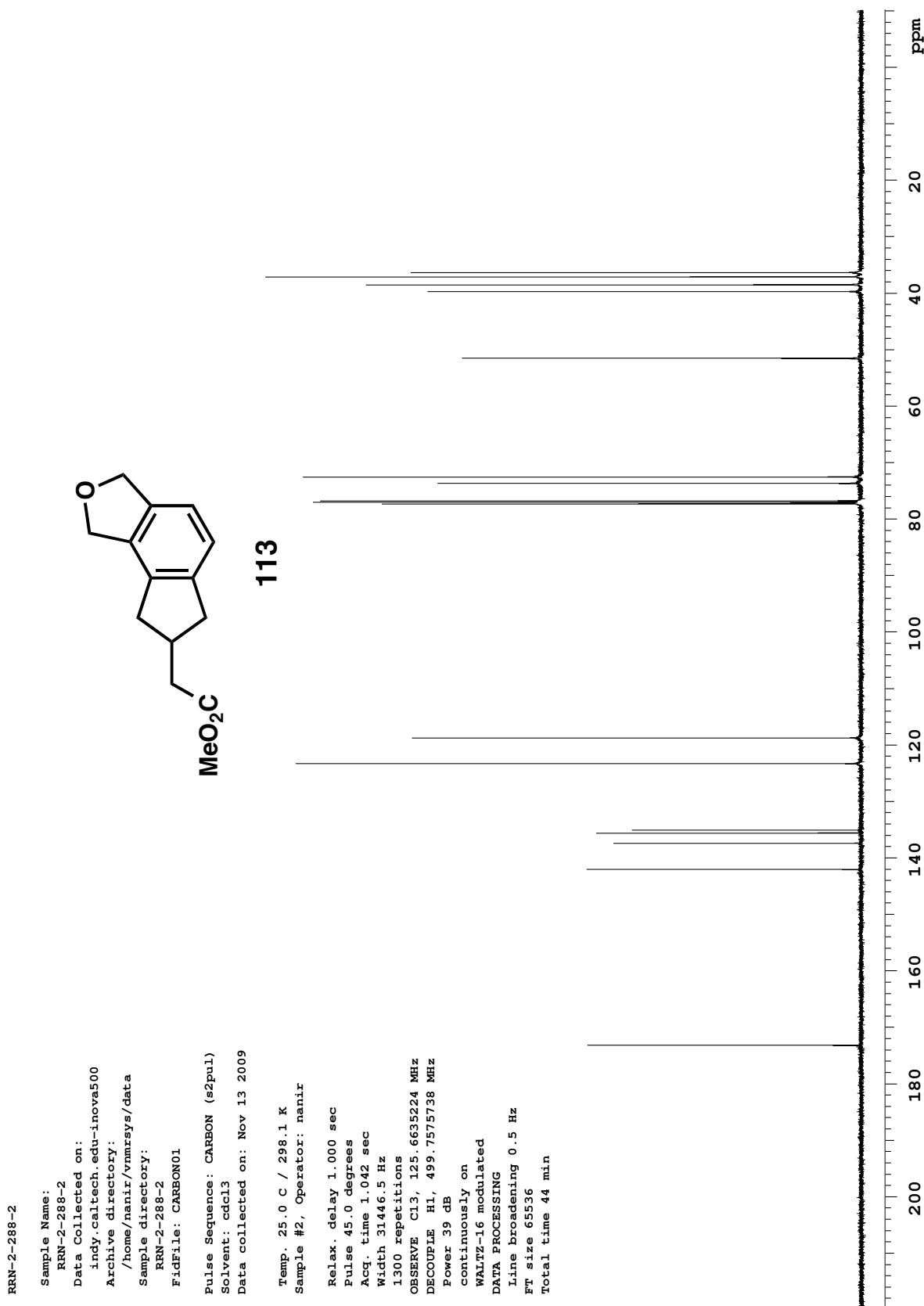
OBSERVE H1, 499.7550816 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Ft size 32768

Total time 2 min 10 sec





RRN-2-274-3

Sample Name:

RRN-2-274-3

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmr500/data

Sample directory:

RRN-2-274-3

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Nov 2 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

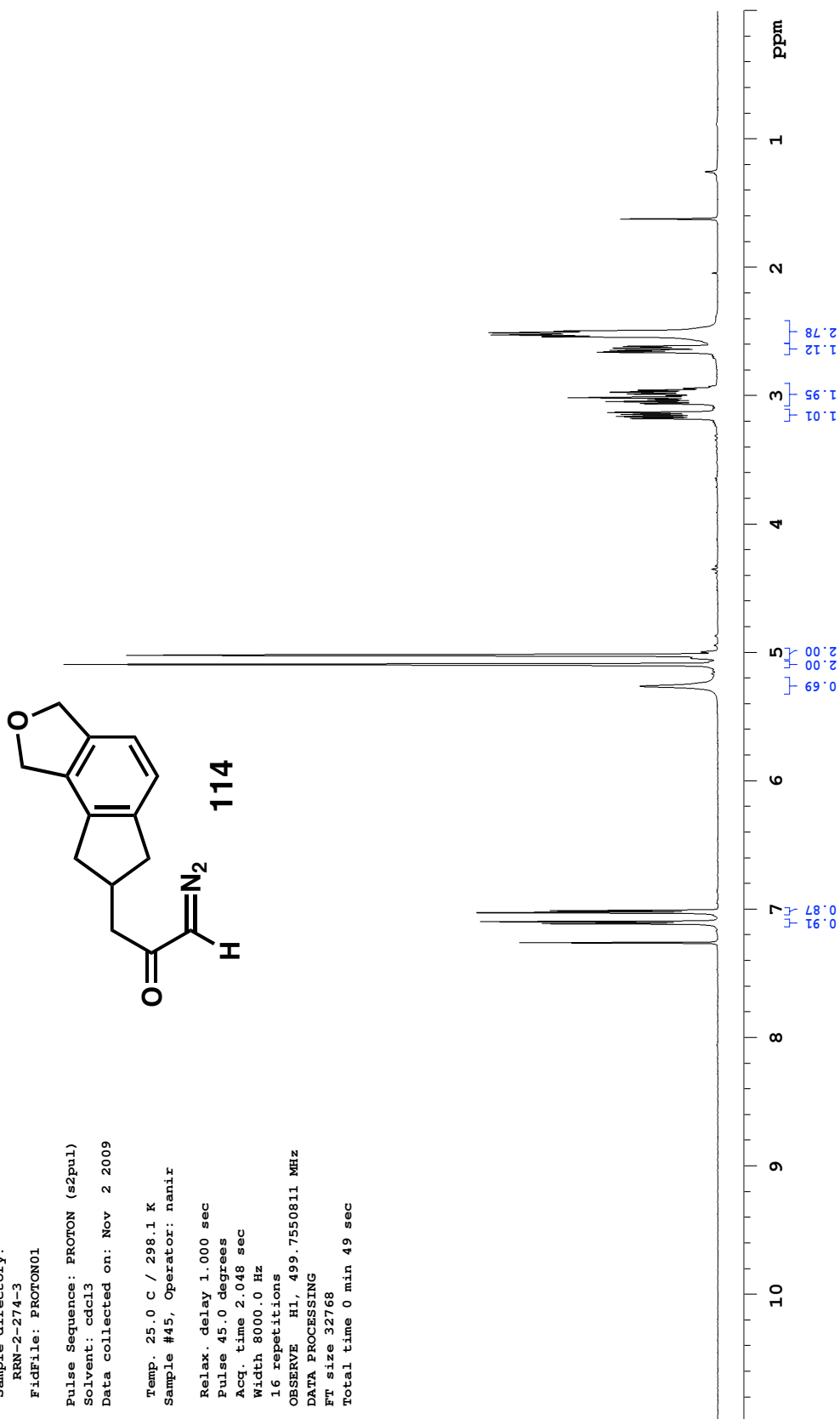
16 repetitions

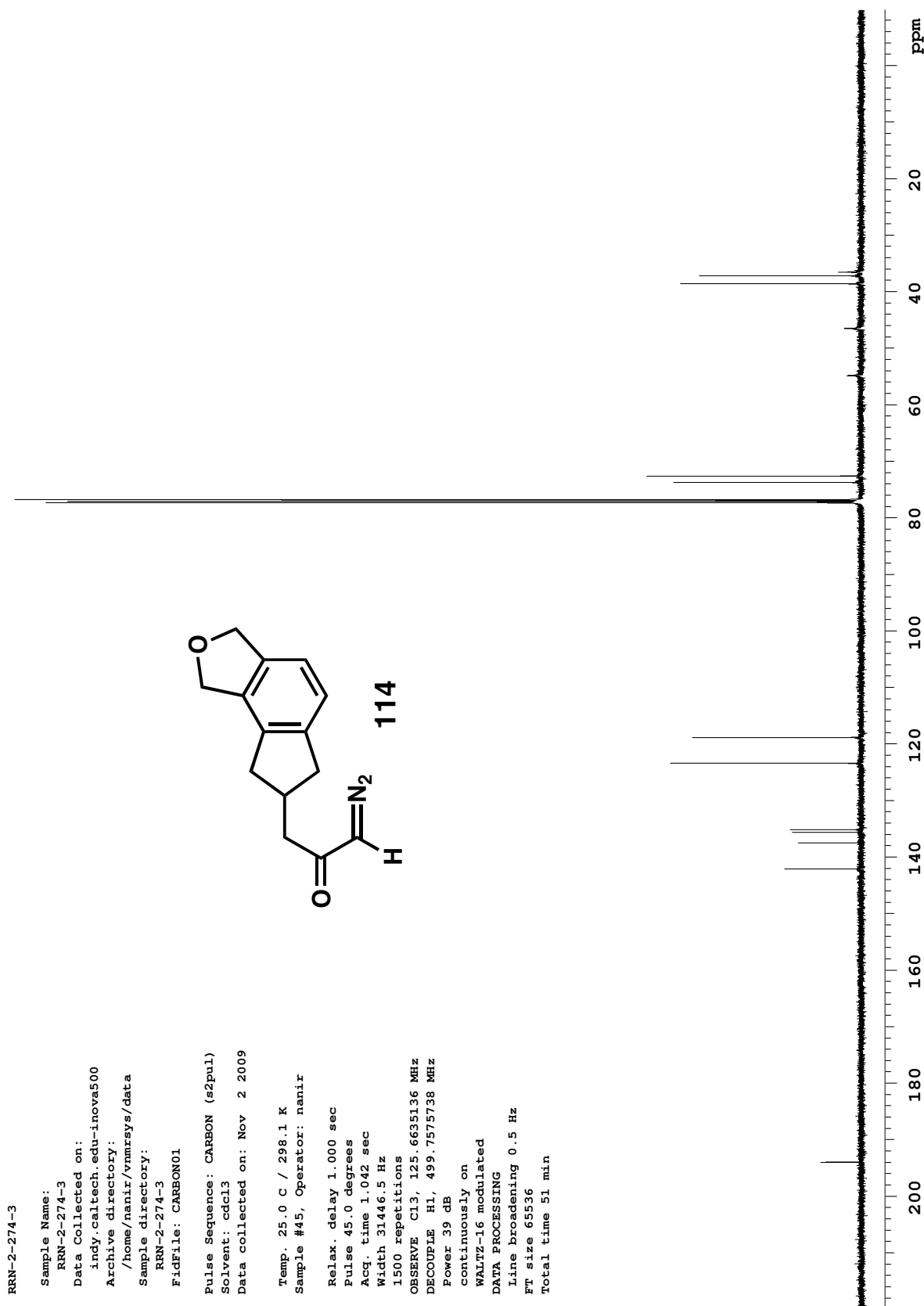
OBSERVE H1, 499.7550811 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Ft size 32768

Total time 0 min 49 sec





SL-3-021-500-column-H

Sample: SL-3-021-500-column-H

File: indy/slevin/vnmrsys/data/SL-3-021-500-column-H/PROTON01.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

File: PROTON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

32 repetitions

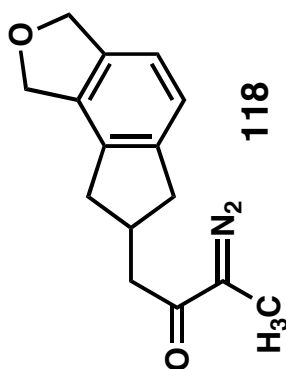
OBSERVE H1, 499.7550815 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

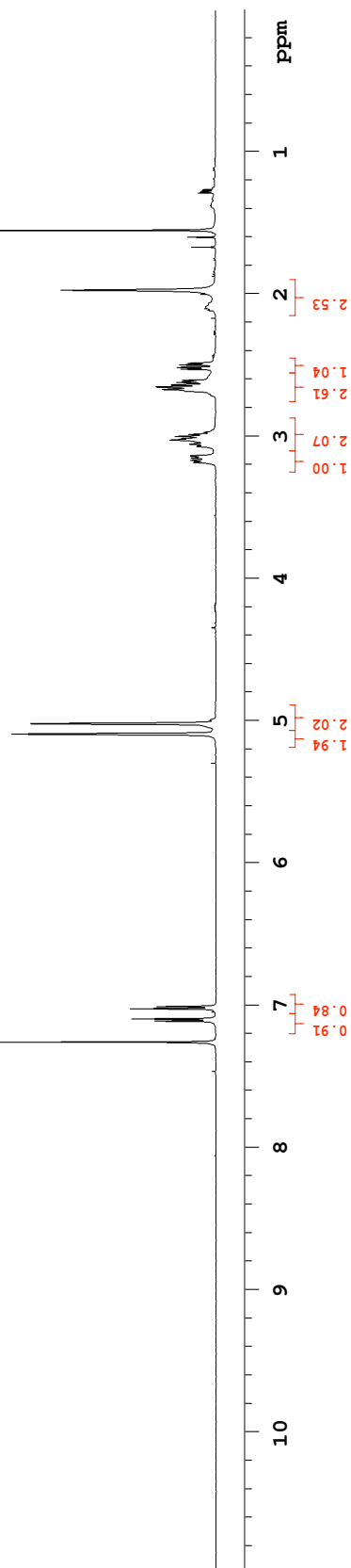
Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 32768

Total time 1 min, 38 sec



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SL-3-021-125-column-13C

Sample: SL-3-021-125-column-13C

File: indy/slevin/vnmrsys/data/SL-3-021-125-column-13C/CARBON01.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #47, Operator: slevin

File: CARBON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1650 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635240 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

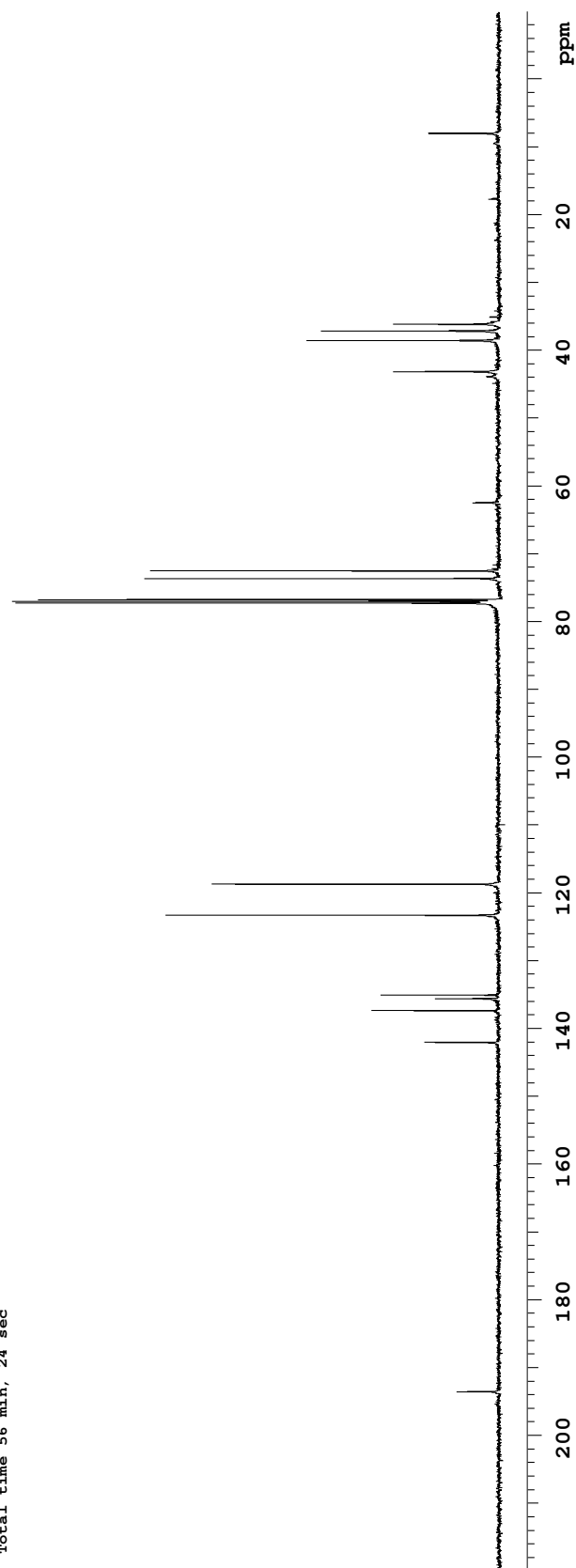
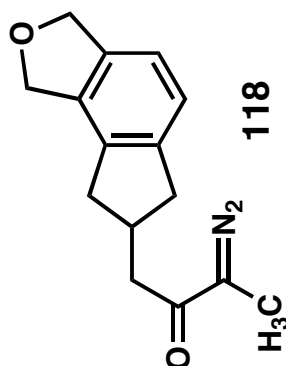
WALTZ-16 modulated

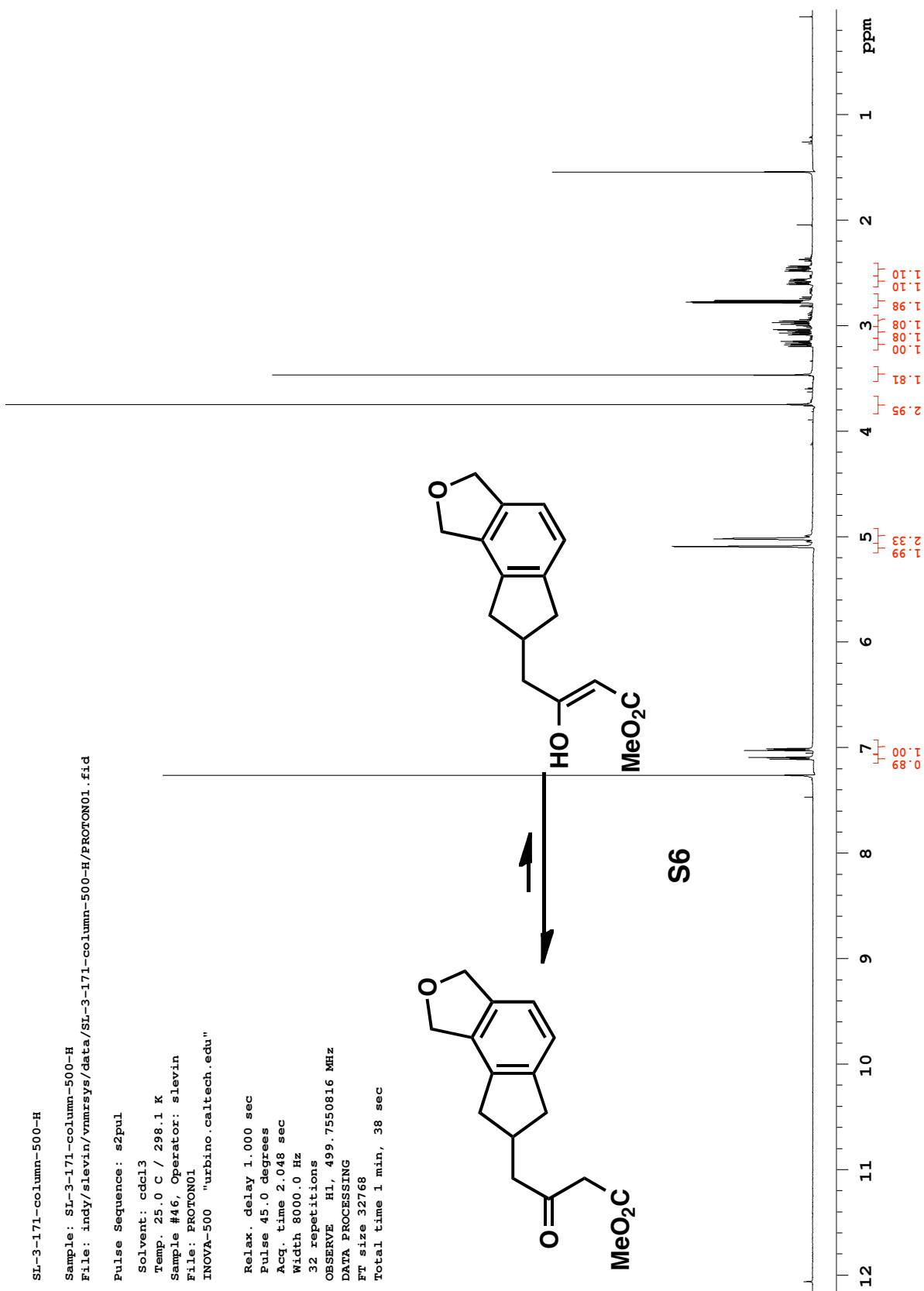
DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 2.0 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 56 min, 24 sec





SL-3-171-column1-500-H

Sample: SL-3-171-column1-500-H

File: indy/slevin/vnmrsys/data/SL-3-171-column1-500-H/CARBON01.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #47, Operator: slevin

File: CARBON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1500 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635192 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

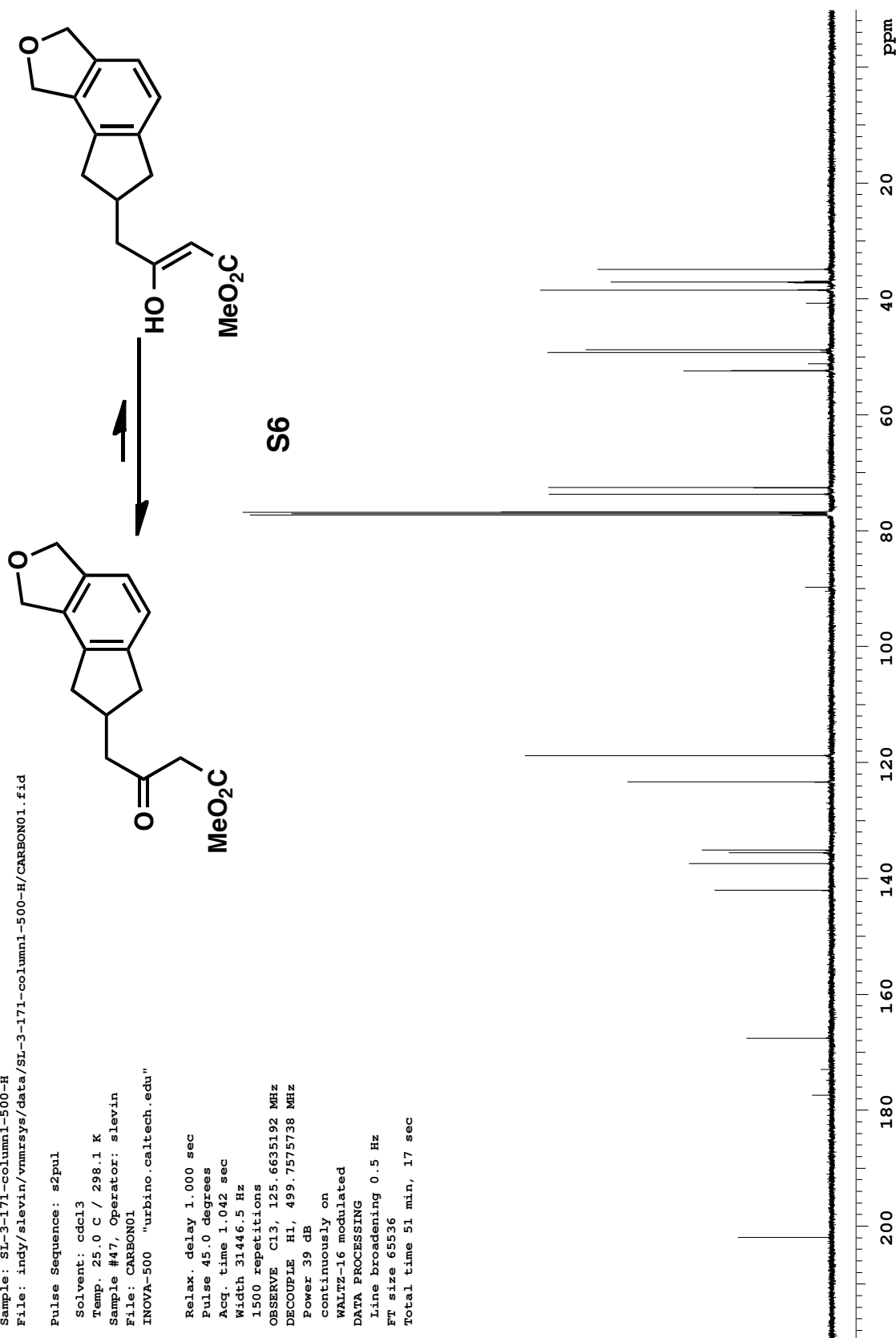
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 51 min, 17 sec



SL-1-217-500-column-H

Sample: SL-1-217-500-column-H

File: indy/slevin/vnmrsys/data/SL-1-217-500-column-H/PROTON01.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #47, Operator: slevin

File: PROTON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

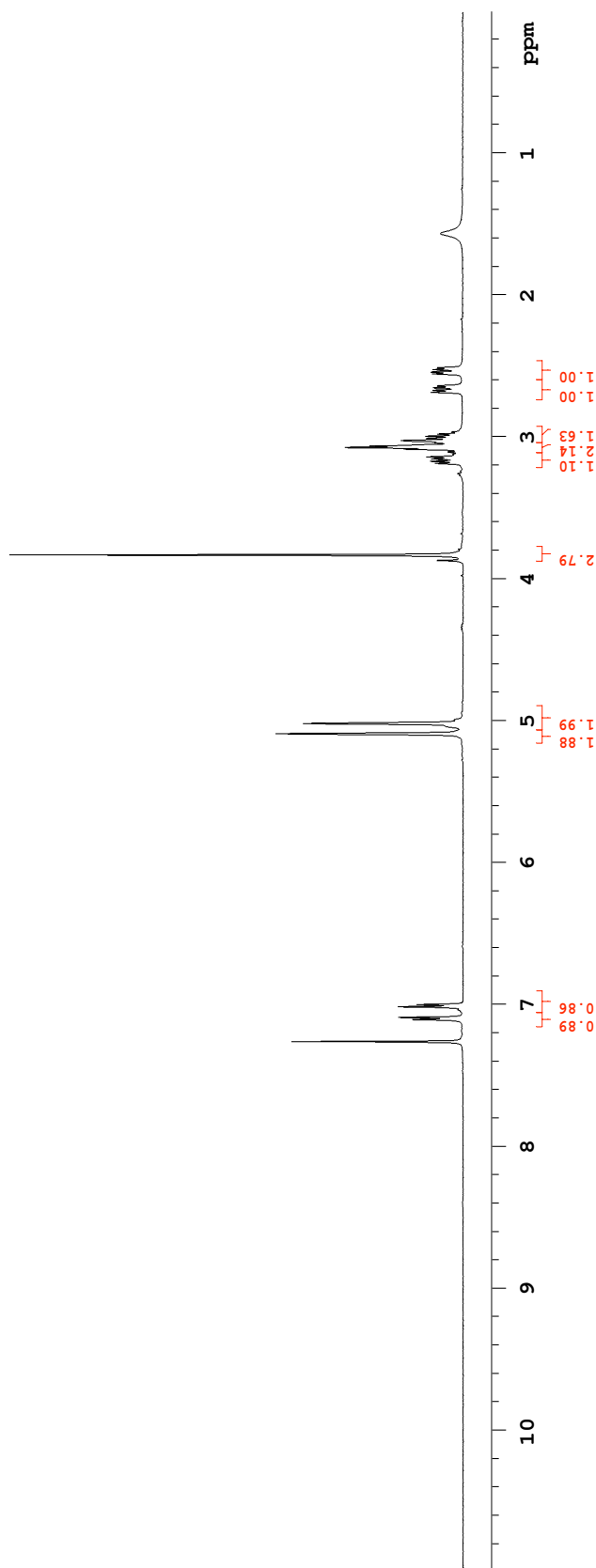
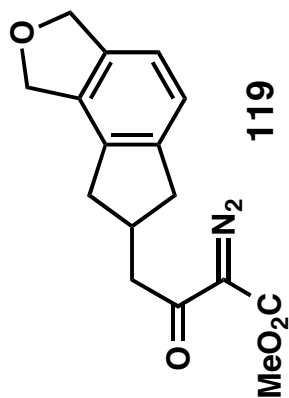
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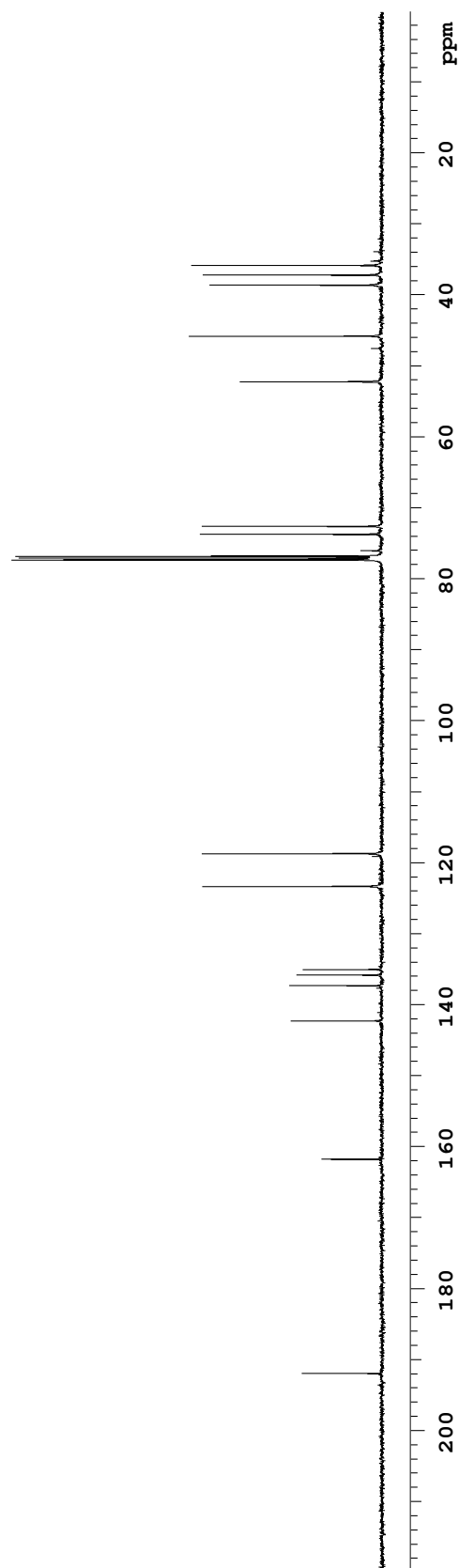
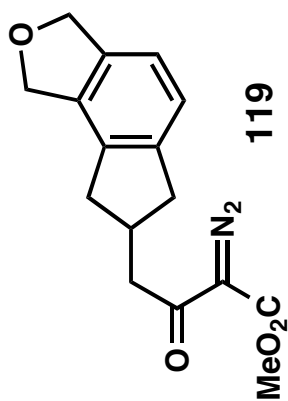
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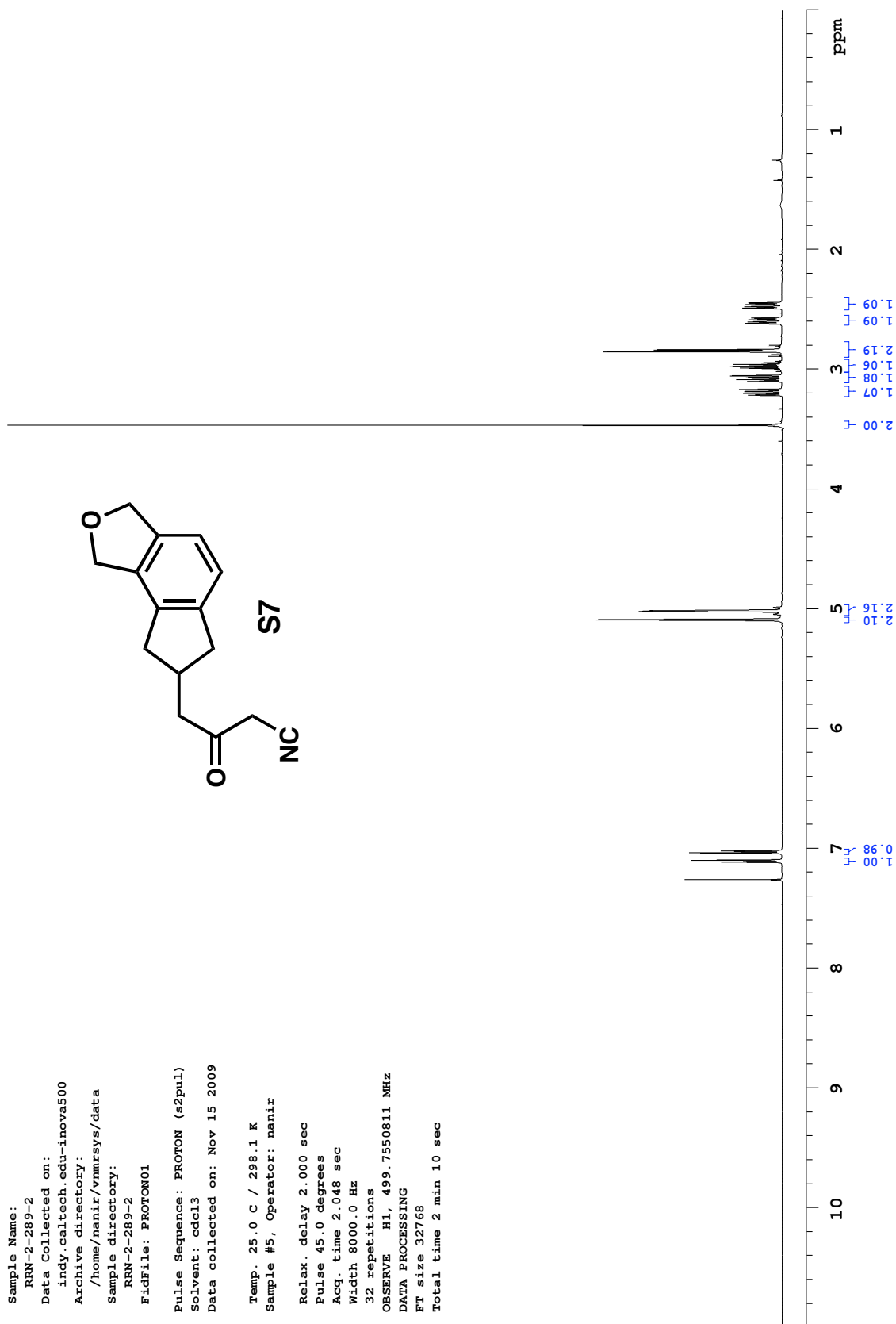
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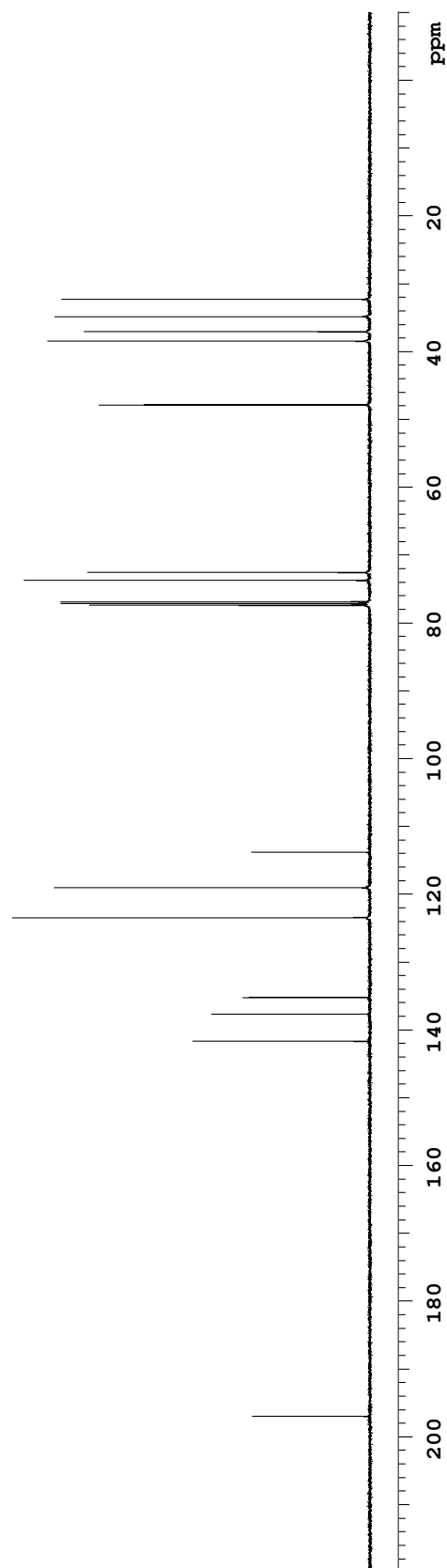
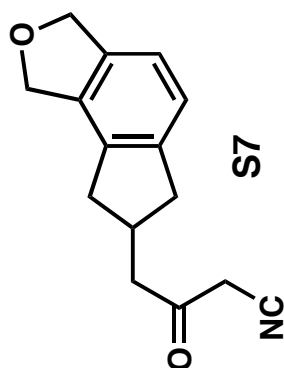
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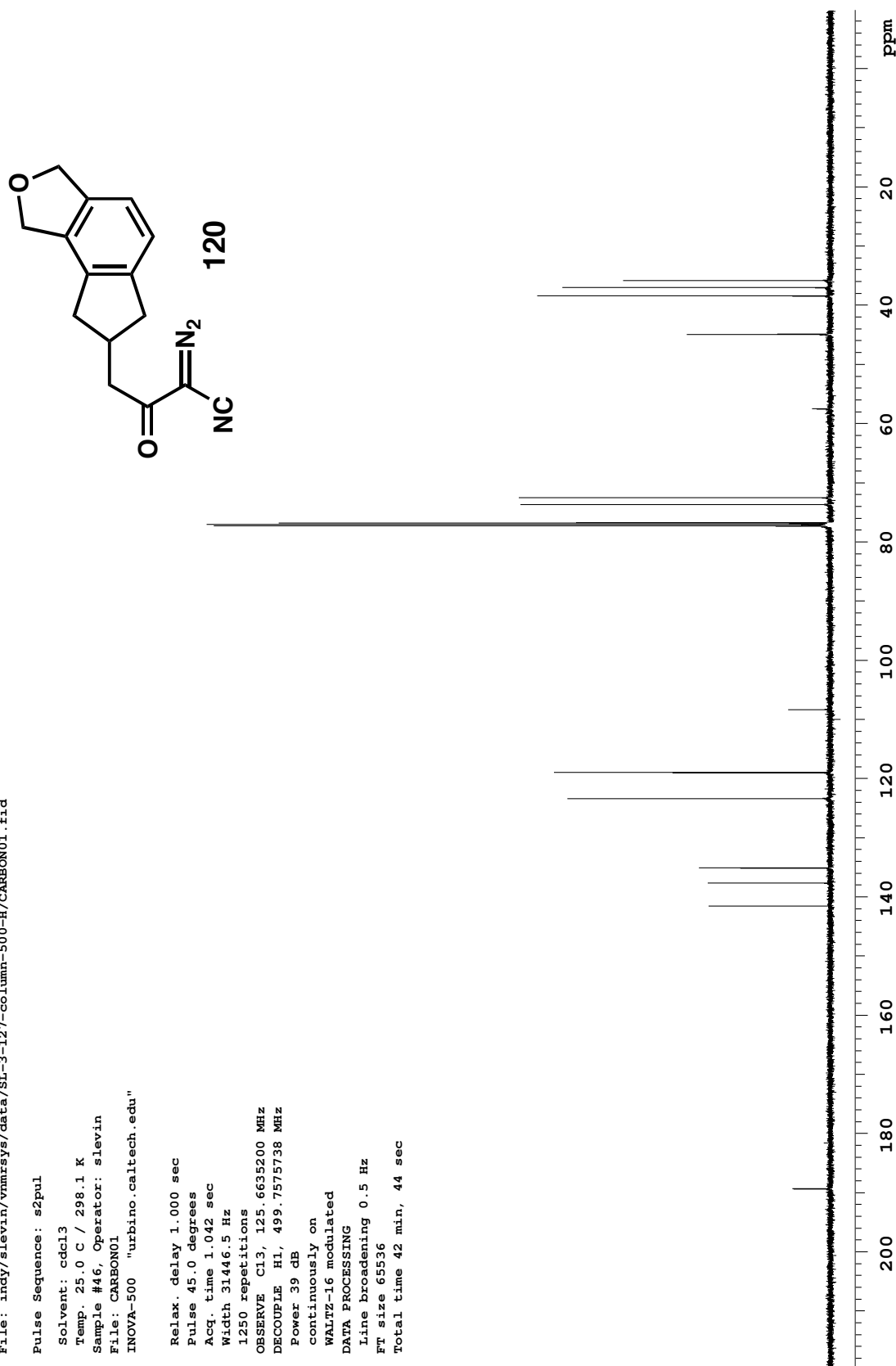
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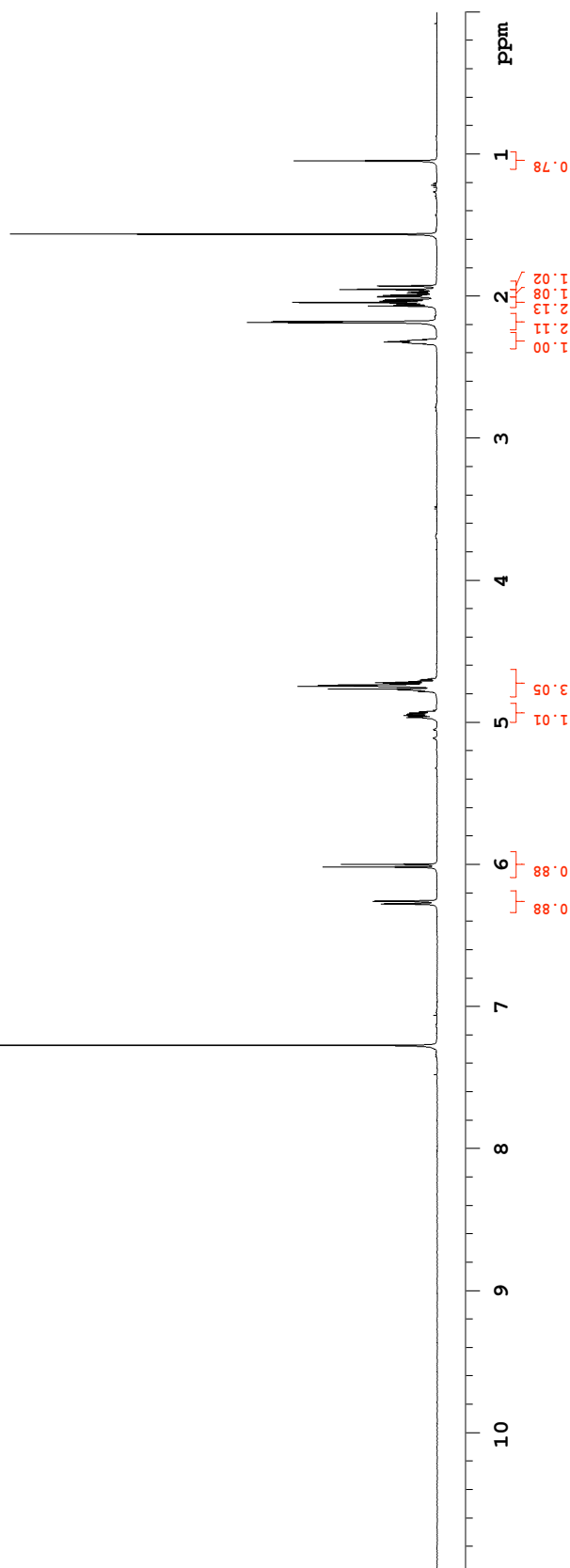
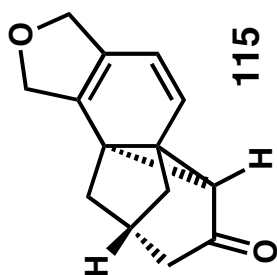
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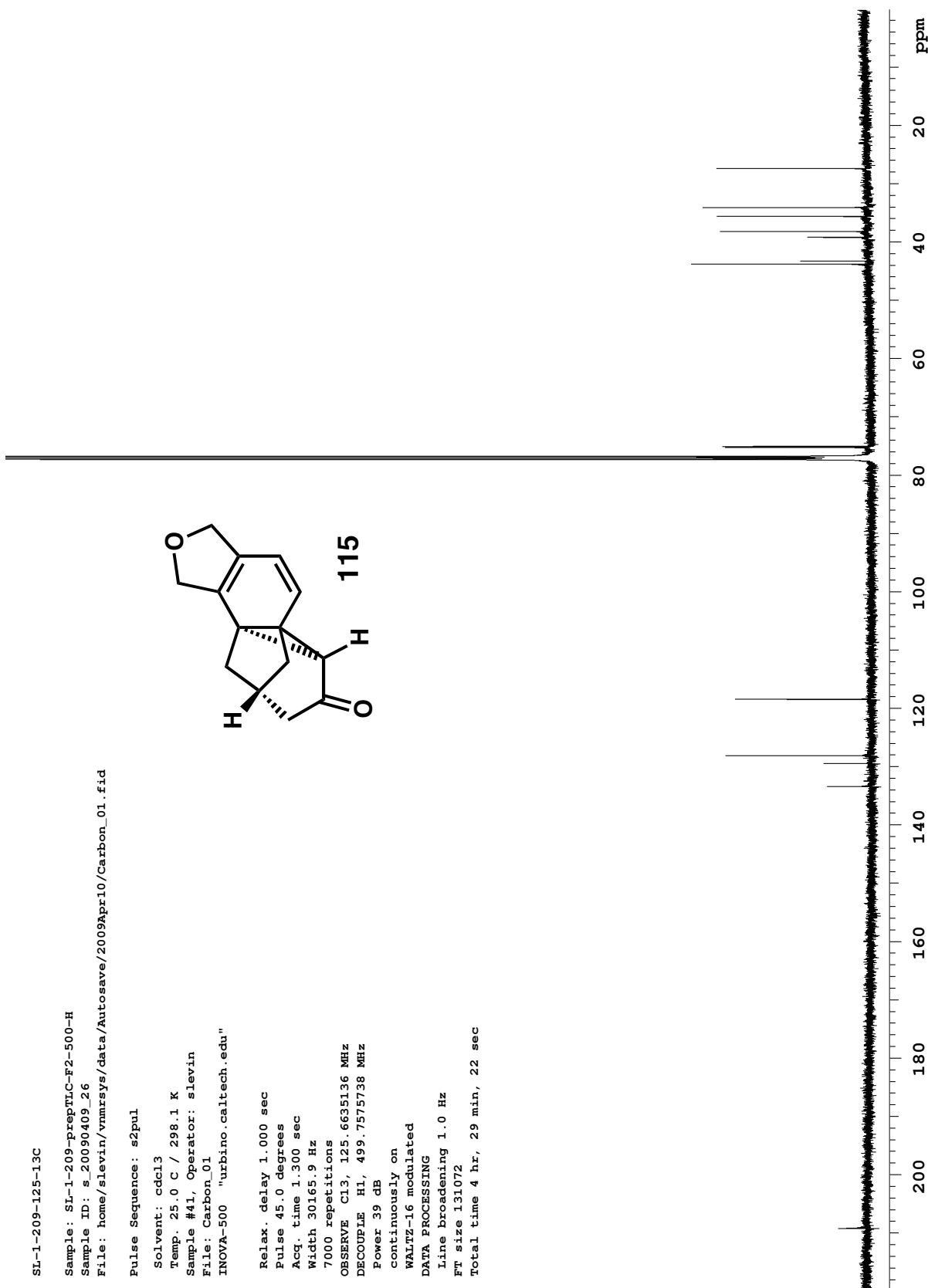
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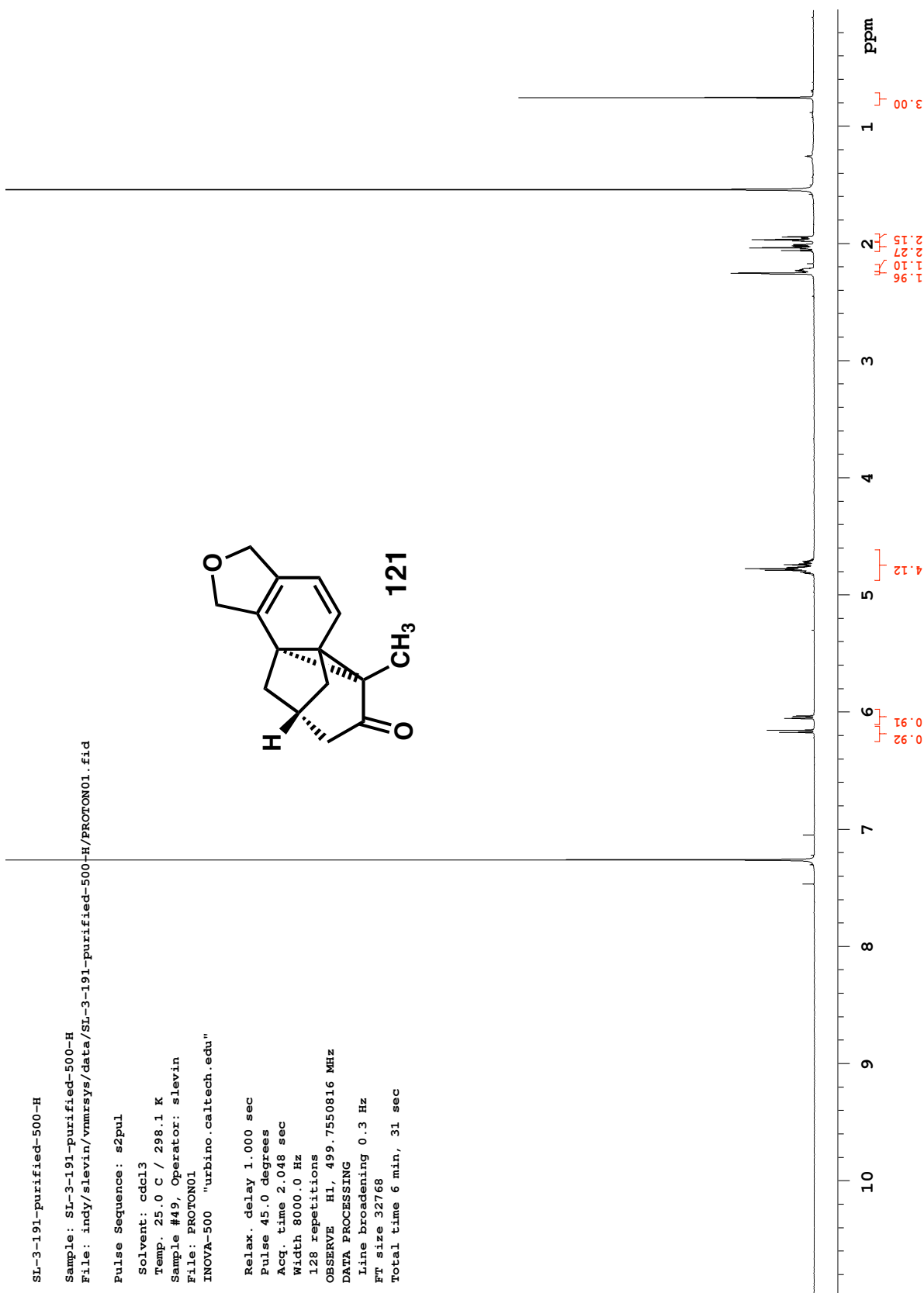
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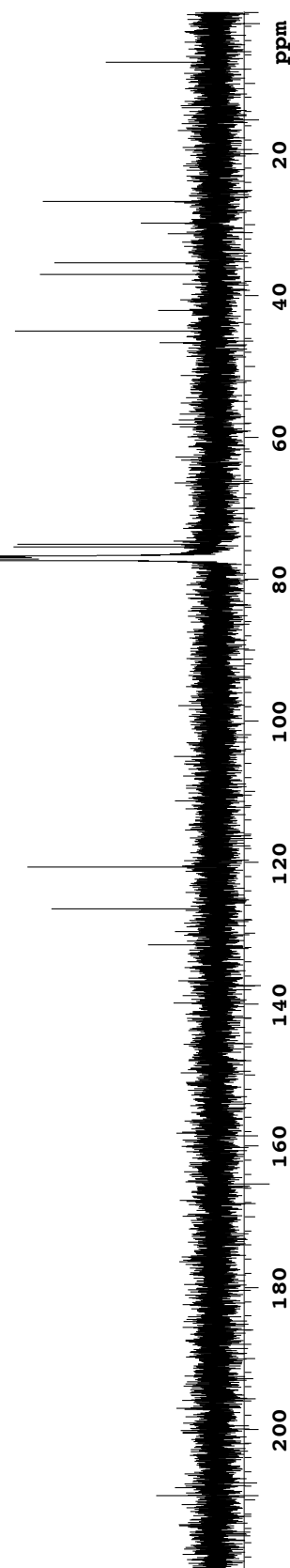
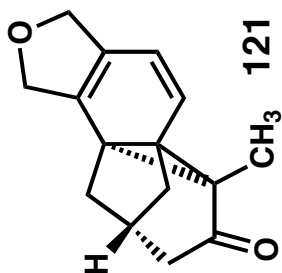
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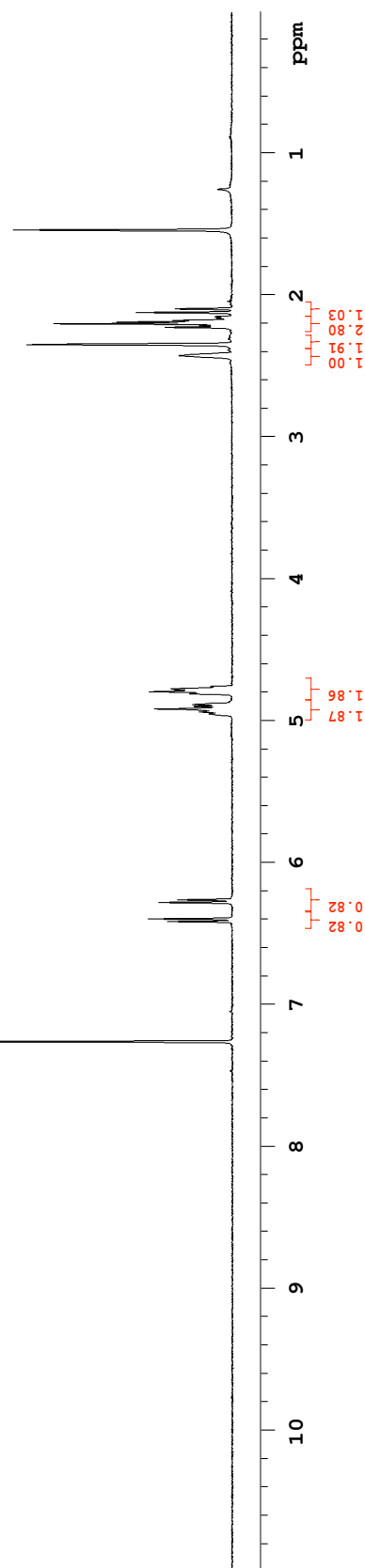
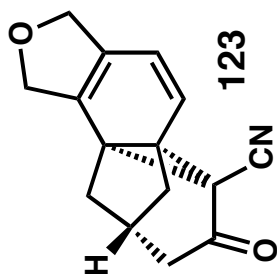
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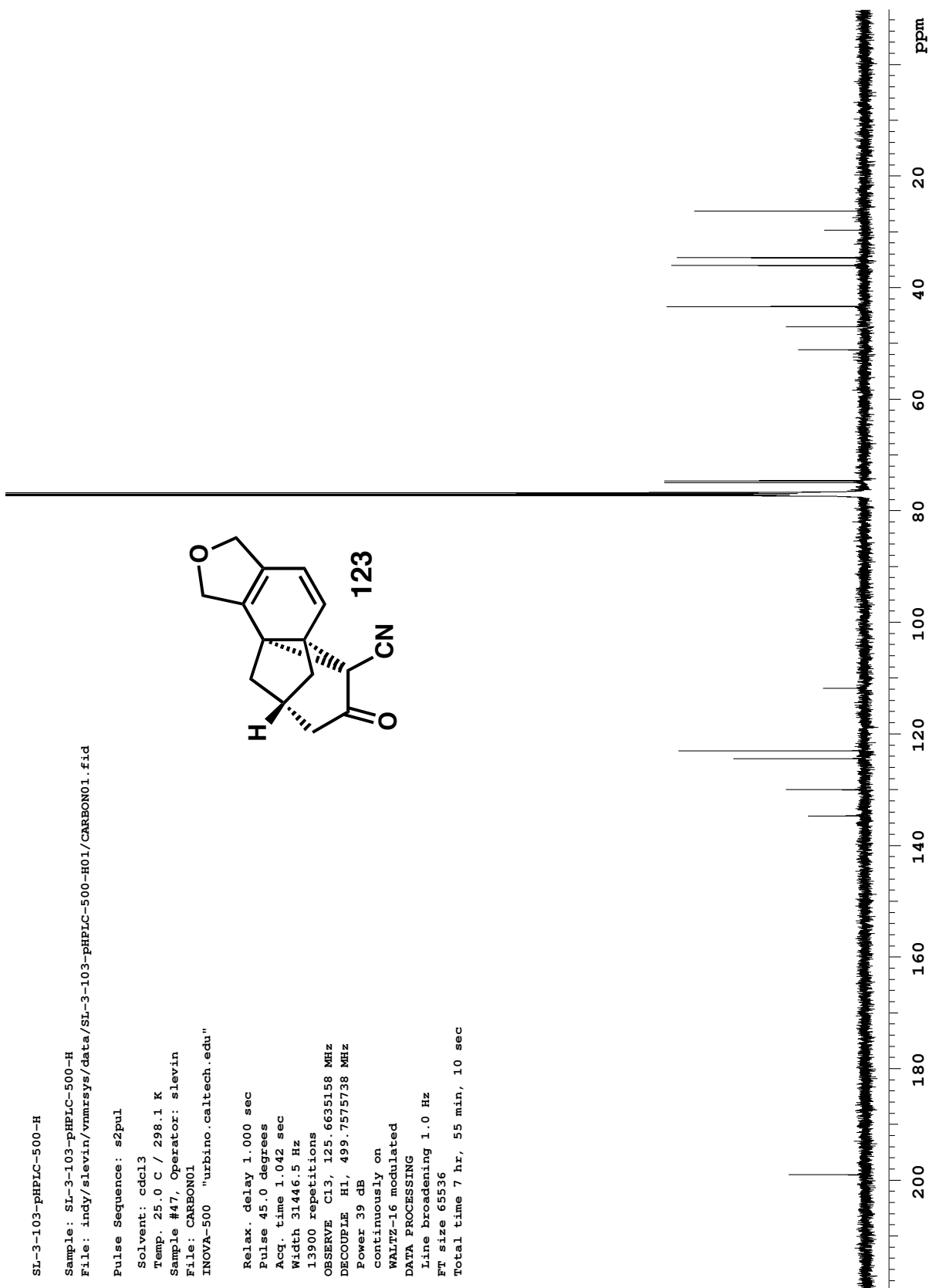
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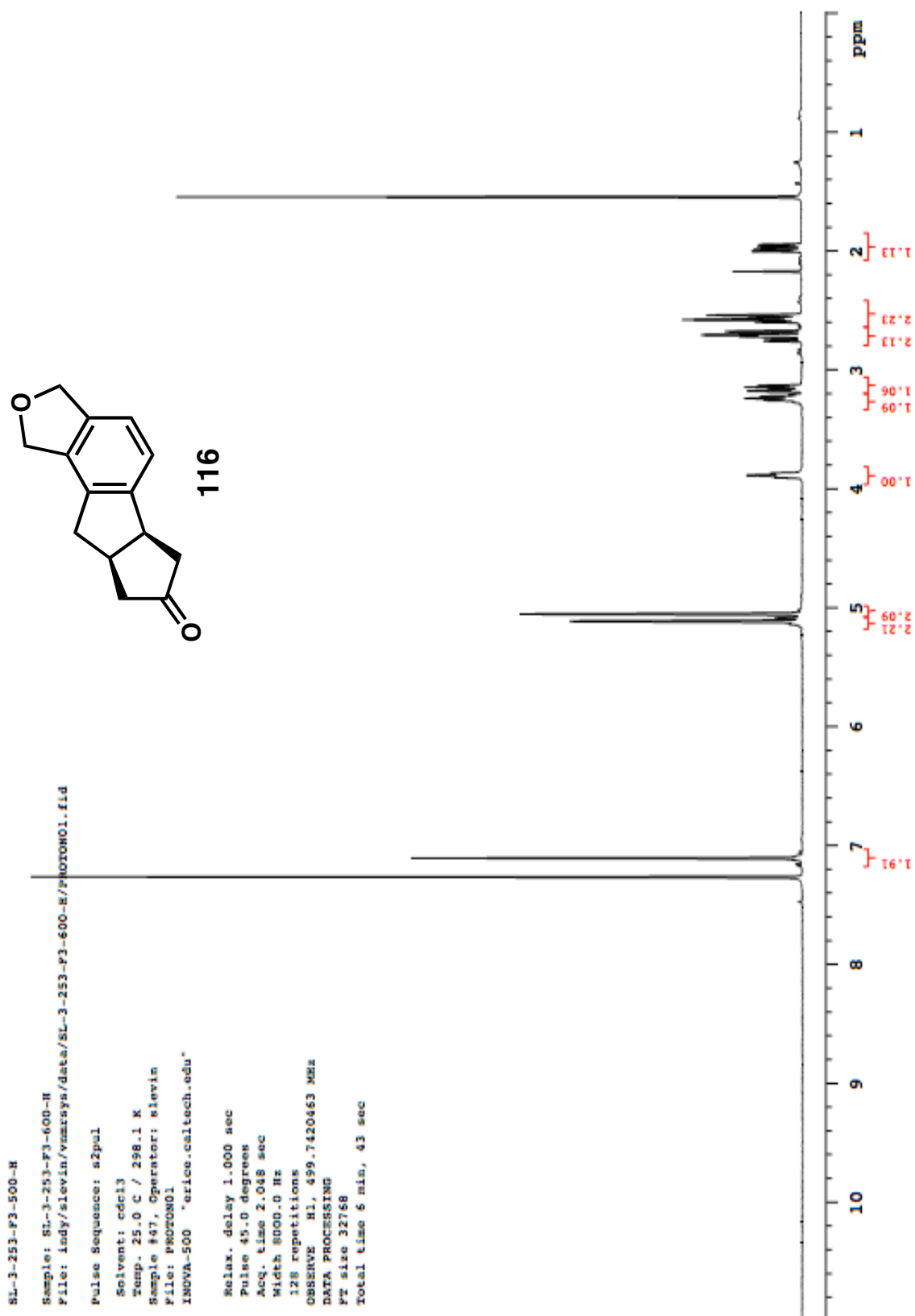
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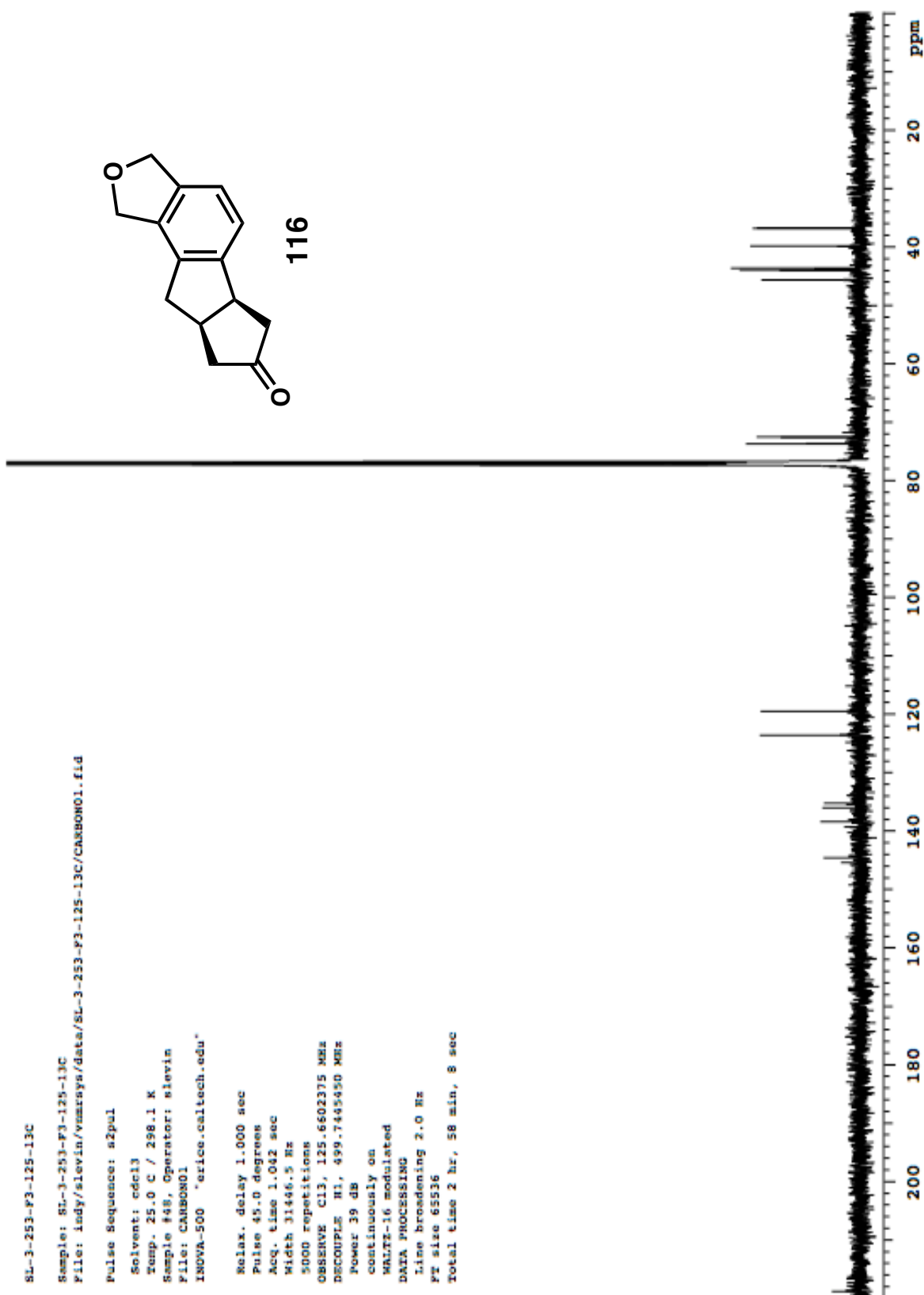
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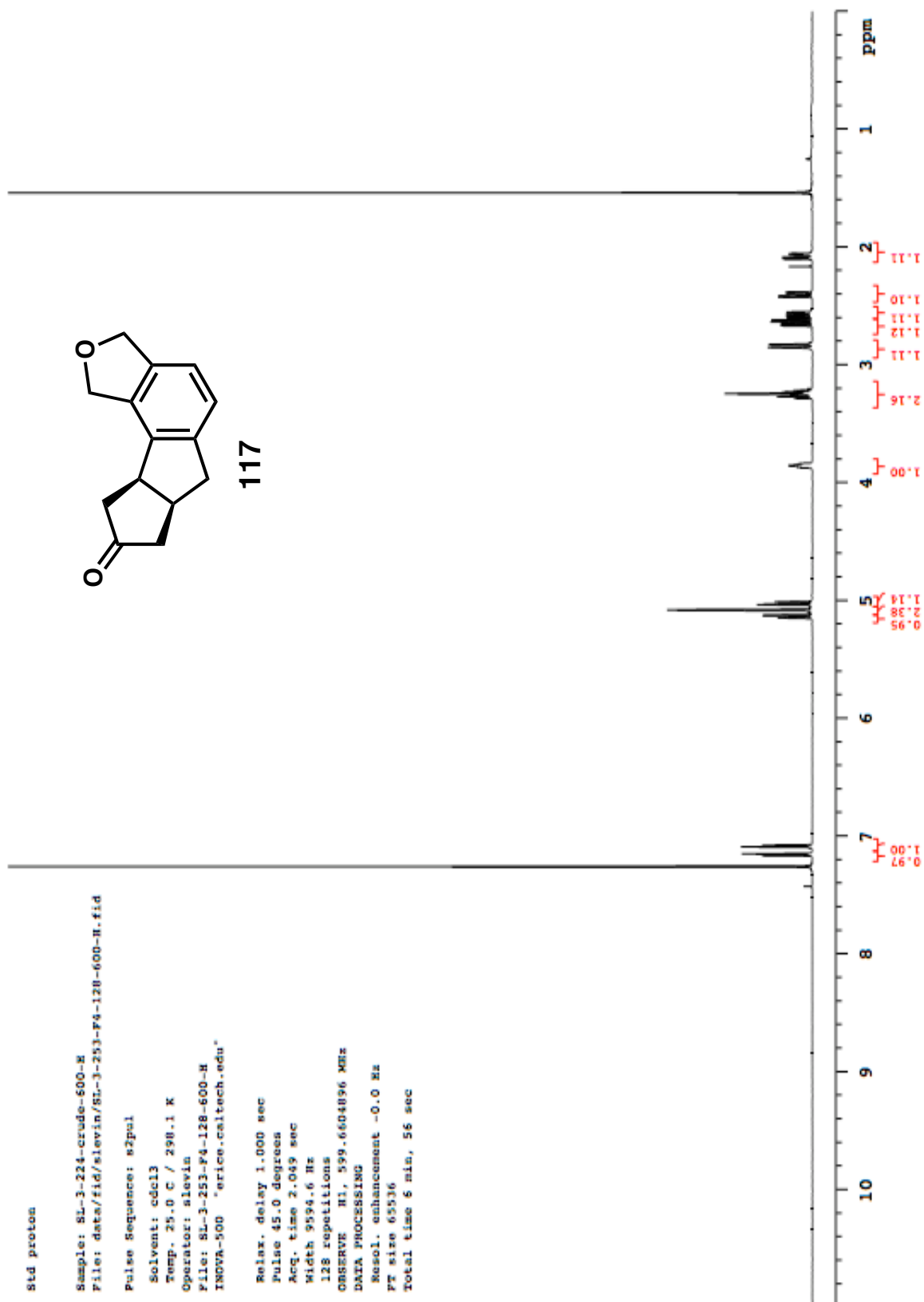
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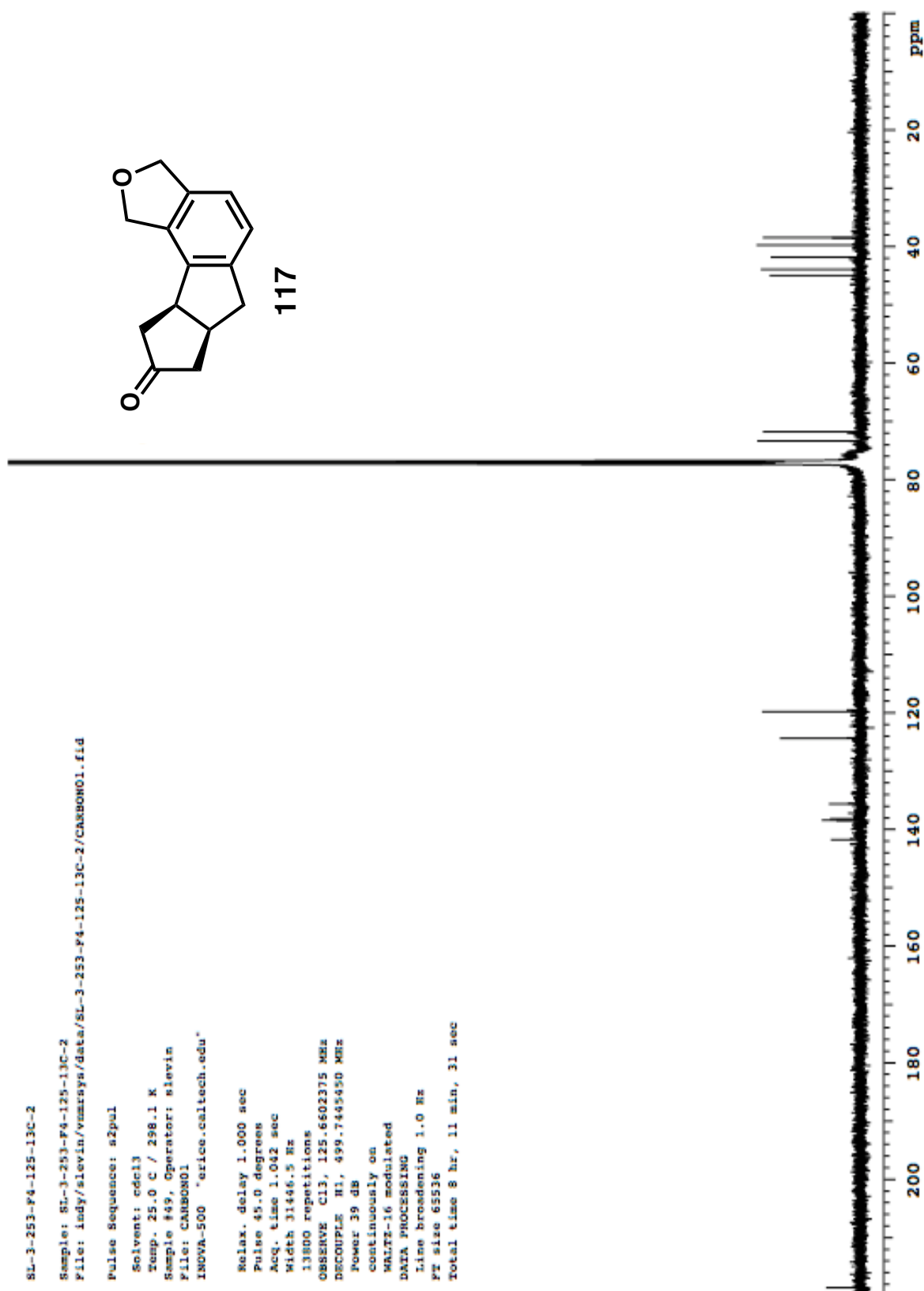












Chapter 3

Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Salvileucalin B

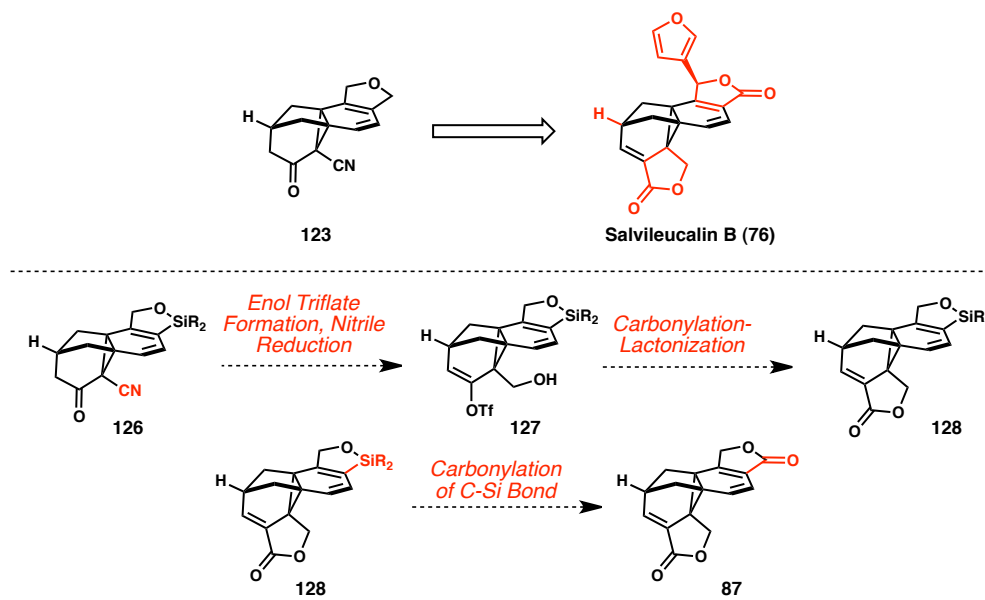
3.1 INTRODUCTION

3.1.1 Strategy for Lactone Synthesis

Having successfully established the feasibility of generating a fully substituted norcaradiene by arene cyclopropanation, our attention turned to applying this key reaction in a fully functionalized system that would enable the synthesis of salvileucalin B. Specifically, this would require: 1) enantioselective synthesis of a cycloisomerization substrate containing the pendant furan, 2) installation of the northern lactone, and 3) construction of the southern lactone. The southern lactone was expected to arise from a sequence involving enol triflate formation, nitrile reduction, and carbonylative lactonization (Scheme 3.1).¹ In contrast, however, it was unclear at the time how the northern lactone would be introduced. As discussed in the previous chapter, early incorporation of the northern lactone was expected to detrimentally impact the arene

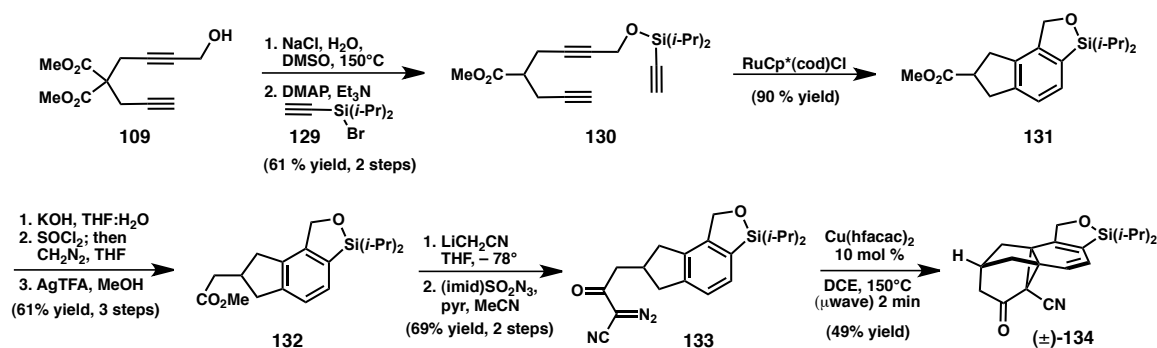
cyclopropanation, as electron-poor benzenes are poor Buchner substrates. Furthermore, the northern lactone was expected to be vulnerable to the reduction chemistry we envisioned using in the synthesis of the southern lactone. Alternatively, we imagined that a cyclic silyl ether moiety (e.g. **128**) could act as a stable lactone precursor. The silicon substitution was not expected to negatively perturb the arene electronics for the Buchner reaction. Furthermore, we anticipated conversion of the C-Si bond to the northern lactone would be possible, given the range of silicon cross-coupling technologies available. Despite the broad use of silicon-based reagents in cross coupling, carbonylations of C-Si bonds such as those in **128** are much more rare. Nonetheless, we were encouraged by a report by Kumada and coworkers in 1979, which disclosed the palladium-promoted carbonylation of vinyl silicates to give α,β -unsaturated esters.² Although stoichiometric, this finding suggests the desired transformation is mechanistically feasible.

Scheme 3.1. Strategy for installation of both lactones



Diazo- β -ketonitrile **133** was obtained by a short synthetic sequence from **109**, which began with Krapcho dealkoxycarbonylation³ followed by silylation with alkynylsilyl bromide **129**⁴ to give triyne **130** (Scheme 3.2). Exposure of **130** to 1 mol % of RuCp*(cod)Cl smoothly provided arene **131** in 90% yield.⁵ Notably, the cycloisomerization of **130** clearly indicates that the benefit of a “Thorpe–Ingold” effect from the gem-diesters moiety is not required for cyclization.⁶ This result lends support for proposed future work on an enantioselective route, which will require the cyclization of a chiral substrate bearing a tertiary center at C2.

Scheme 3.2. Cyclopropanation of silyl analogue **134**



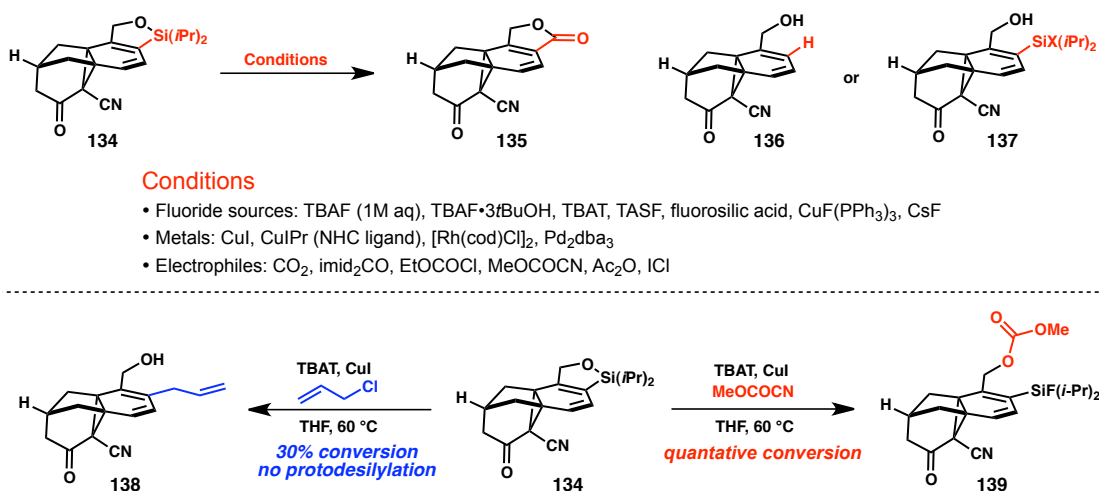
Homologation of arene **131** proceeded as before with use of the Arndt–Eistert protocol⁷ to provide methyl ester **132**, which was converted in two steps to α -diazo β -ketonitrile **133**. Heating a solution of **133** in the presence of 10 mol % Cu(hfacac)₂ to 150 °C under microwave irradiation for 2 min provided cyclopropane **134** in 49% yield (Scheme 3.2). In this case, the use of the microwave reactor significantly improved the efficiency of the reaction; heating under similar conditions in an oil bath to 80 °C for 6 h provided less than 5% yield of the desired cyclopropanation product.

Strategically, the proposed carbonylation of the C–Si bond of **128** was to be attempted as the last synthetic step, as the reduction chemistry to prepare **127** was expected to be incompatible with the presence of the northern lactone. For practical reasons, however, we elected to investigate the carbonylation chemistry on β -ketonitrile **134**, since it was more readily available. The strategy involved the following sequence: activation of the silicon atom, transmetalation to yield an alkenyl metal species, and either capture with an acyl electrophile or migratory insertion into carbon monoxide. Although precedent existed for the elementary steps of this proposal,⁸ to our knowledge, the specific use of carbon monoxide or acyl electrophiles had not been reported. We therefore viewed the development of the proposed transformation as an avenue to address a fundamental gap in silicon reagent-based cross coupling chemistry. An extensive methodological campaign was undertaken, and a variety of fluoride sources, metals and electrophiles were examined.

The results of the attempted carbonylation approach are summarized in Scheme 3.3. A multitude of different fluoride reagents was screened, in combination with various transition metals and carbonyl-containing electrophiles. None of the desired lactone product was ever isolated, and when conversion of the silyl ether occurred, only the protodesilylated (**136**) or ring-opened (**137**) compounds were observed. The sole successful reaction that resulted in productive cleavage of the C–Si bond of was the allylation of **134**, effected by TBAT and copper iodide in the presence of allyl chloride. Notably, no protodesilylation was observed, a problem that frequently plagued the attempted carbonylation. Unfortunately, when we employed the exact conditions with methyl cyanofomate as the electrophile, only full conversion to the acylated fluorosilane

product **139** was observed. We suspect that rather than alkoxide-directed transmetalation from silicon to copper, the oxyanion reacts irreversibly with methyl cyanofomate to produce **139** and prevent further reaction.

Scheme 3.3. Carbonylation attempts



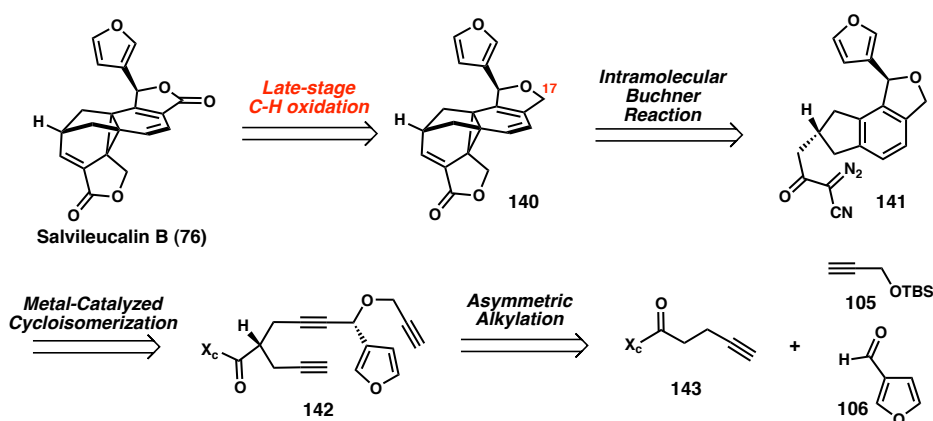
3.2 SECOND GENERATION APPROACH

3.2.1 Modification of Route

In light of our inability to effect a single step formation of the northern lactone from cyclic silyl ethers, we reconsidered our synthetic plan to access this moiety. We ultimately took inspiration from a serendipitous observation on the instability of **115** (see chapter 2); we found that the *iso*-dihydrofuran moiety **115** is prone to oxidation to the furan upon prolonged exposure to air. On the basis of these observations, it was hypothesized that the required lactone of **76** may be accessible by chemoselective allylic C–H oxidation at C(17) of *iso*-dihydrofuran **140** to the α,β -unsaturated lactone of the

natural product (Scheme 3.4). Although viewed as a potentially risky final step (*vide infra*), the revised retrosynthesis was highly attractive due to the great similarity to our previously developed route, for which the intermediates only lack the furan unit. Thus, norcaradiene **140** was expected to arise from arene cyclopropanation of α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **141**, the *des*-furan version of which had been previously accessed via cycloisomerization of triyne **142**.

Scheme 3.4. Revised retrosynthetic analysis of salvileucalin B

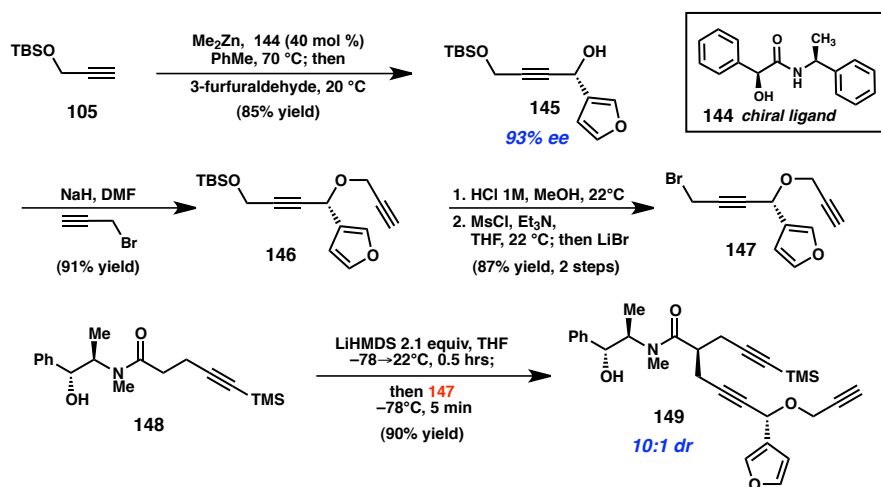


In spite of the anticipated advantages, we were not without some significant trepidation with regard to the final oxidation. Aside the potentially reactive diene and *exo*-methylene lactone, the main concern was the susceptibility of the furan to undergo oxidative transformations. It is known that furans can react with a range of oxidants, including molecular oxygen, peracids, hydrogen peroxide, and high-valent transition metals.⁹ Nevertheless, we viewed the allylic C-17 protons as the most activated and sterically accessible hydrogens, and thus proceeded with our plan to target **140**.

3.2.2 Forward Synthesis

In order to access *des*-oxy salvileucalin **140** (Scheme 3.4) in an enantioselective fashion, we opted to employ asymmetric alkylation technology in the synthesis of triyne **149** (Scheme 3.5). In the forward sense, enantioselective 1,2-addition of the zinc acetylide derived from **105** to 3-furaldehyde (**106**) was promoted by chiral mandelamide ligand **144** to provide alcohol **145** in 85% yield and 93% ee.¹⁰ Alcohol **145** was converted to the corresponding propargyl bromide (**147**) in a three-step sequence involving O-propargylation, deprotection of the silyl ether, and Finkelstein-type bromination.¹¹

Scheme 3.5. Enantioselective synthesis of triyne **149**

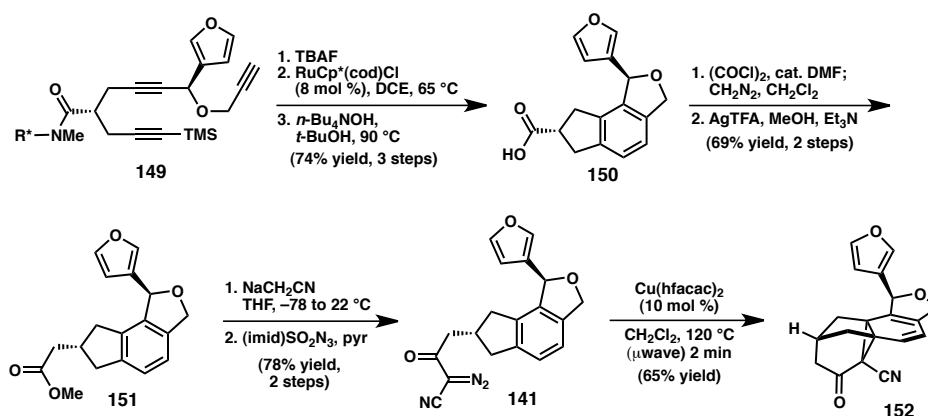


Alkylation of pseudoephedrine amide **148** with propargyl bromide **147** using the conditions developed by Myers and co-workers¹² provided triyne **149** in excellent yield and 10:1 dr (Scheme 3.5). Simultaneous cleavage of the alkynyl silane and saponification of the amide in substrate **149** could be achieved using 5 equiv of *n*-Bu₄NOH in aqueous *t*-BuOH at 90 °C; however, under these conditions, the carboxylic acid was isolated with

erosion of the dr (4:1). Efforts to identify conditions under which the amide could be hydrolyzed without competitive epimerization proved unsuccessful.

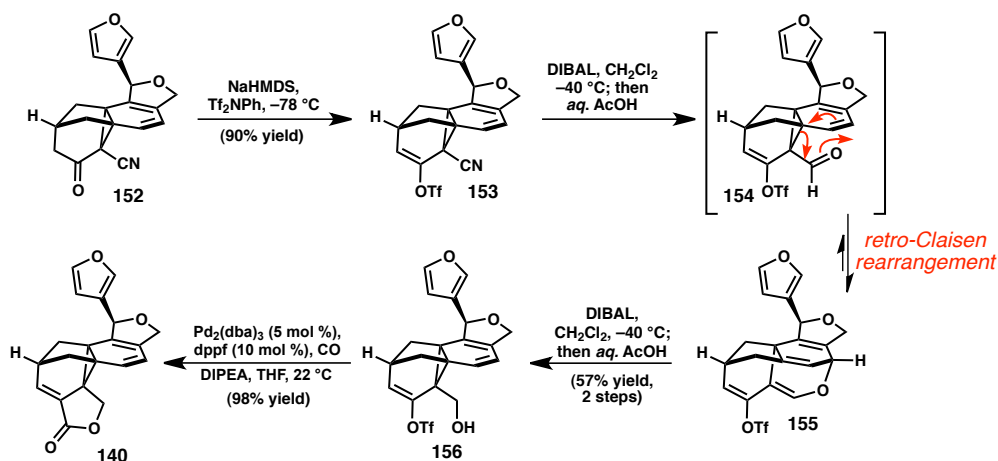
On the other hand, desilylation of alkyne **149** using TBAF followed by exposure of the triyne to a dichloromethane solution of $\text{RuCp}^*(\text{cod})\text{Cl}$ catalyst smoothly effected the cycloisomerization (Scheme 3.6). At this stage, cleavage of the amide was realized without epimerization to furnish carboxylic acid **150** in 74% yield (over three steps) as a 10:1 mixture of diastereomers. With this sequence, gram quantities of tricycle **150** were easily prepared. Conversion of **150** to the α -diazoketone was followed by Arndt–Eistert homologation⁷ in the presence of methanol to provide ester **151**. Treatment of ester **151** with the sodium salt of acetonitrile delivered the β -ketonitrile, which underwent diazo transfer with 1*H*-imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide¹³ to give key diazo substrate **141**. We were pleased to find that exposure of α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **141** to 10 mol % $\text{Cu}(\text{hfacac})_2$ under our previously optimized conditions¹⁴ provided norcaradiene **152** in 65% yield. The structure of **152** was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

Scheme 3.6. Synthesis of norcaradiene **152**



In order to advance norcaradiene **152** to **140**, our synthetic plan required a three-step sequence involving conversion to the enol triflate, chemoselective reduction of the nitrile to a hydroxymethyl group, and Pd-catalyzed intramolecular carbonylative cyclization.^{1,15} To this end, ketone **152** was treated with NaHMDS at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and trapped with *N*-phenylbis(trifluoromethanesulfonimide) to provide the corresponding enol triflate **153** in 90% yield (Scheme 3.7). The enol triflate was treated with excess DIBAL at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and quenched with dilute aqueous acetic acid; however, analysis of the crude reaction mixture by ^1H NMR spectroscopy revealed that the major product was not the desired aldehyde **154**. After further analysis, the major product was tentatively assigned as vinyl ether **155**, the product of a retro-Claisen rearrangement.

Scheme 3.7. Synthesis of norcaradiene **140**



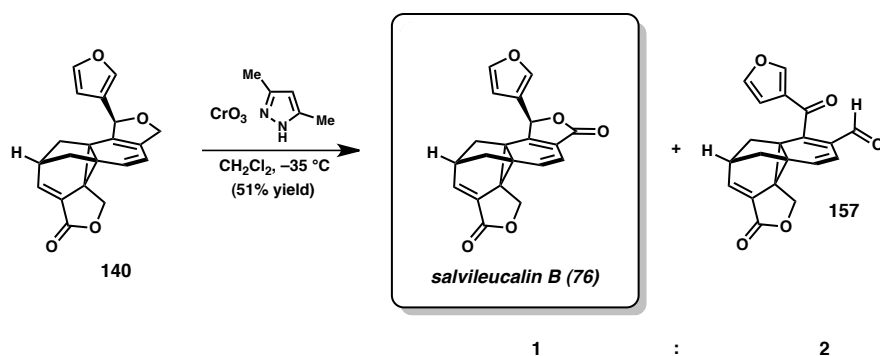
Elegant studies by Boeckman and co-workers¹⁶ previously demonstrated that similar ring-opening Claisen rearrangements are reversible. Although the equilibrium heavily favors vinyl ether **155** (aldehyde **154** was not detected by ^1H NMR spectroscopy),

it was hypothesized that kinetic trapping of the presumed aldehyde **154** may be possible using an appropriate reducing agent. We were pleased to find that exposure of vinyl ether **155** to DIBAL at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ resulted in rapid reduction to deliver primary alcohol **156**, which was isolated in 57% yield over two steps. Less Lewis acidic reductants such as LiBH_4 reacted with slower rates and resulted in lower yields of **156** due to competitive cleavage of the enol triflate. This observation is consistent with Boeckman and co-workers' finding that Lewis acids accelerate the retro-Claisen rearrangement.^{16a} Vinyl ether **155** is sensitive to both light and oxygen; the moderate yield is attributed to some decomposition of **155** during workup. Attempts to promote the sequential reductions in a one-pot process by hydrolysis of the intermediate imine with a slight excess of protic acid followed by addition of a second DIBAL aliquot proved unfruitful. Subjection of triflate **156** to standard Pd-catalyzed carbonylation conditions¹ provided lactone **140** in excellent yield.

With access to the entire carbon skeleton of **76**, what remained was the allylic oxidation of the *iso*-dihydrofuran of **140** to the required lactone.¹⁷ Allylic oxidations to provide 2-(5*H*)-furanones from *iso*-dihydrofurans are known in the literature,¹⁸ although typically not with substrates containing other oxidation-sensitive functionality. Subjection of **140** to reagents such as SeO_2 and chromium(IV) species resulted in either undesired oxidation to the *bis*-furan or over-oxidation to ketoaldehyde **157**. After considerable experimentation, it was found that exposure of **140** to chromium trioxide–3,5-dimethylpyrazole complex¹⁹ at $-35\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ provided a 1:2 mixture of **76** and the isomeric ketoaldehyde **157**. The characterization data obtained for synthetic **76** were fully consistent with Takeya and co-workers' reported data for the natural compound.²⁰

Although the yield of **76** was moderate, the implementation of this late-stage C–H oxidation circumvented the need for extraneous protecting-group and redox manipulations and thus represents a strategic advantage.²¹

Scheme 3.8. Completion of first total synthesis of (+)-salvileucalin B



3.3 CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the first total synthesis of (+)-salvileucalin B has been accomplished in 18 steps (longest linear sequence) from commercially available materials. These studies resulted in the development of a copper-catalyzed arene cyclopropanation reaction to access a norcaradiene bearing a fully substituted cyclopropane ring.

3.4 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

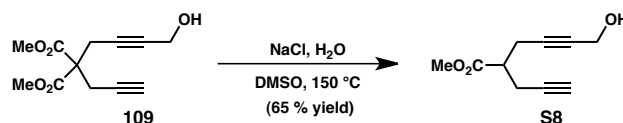
3.4.1 Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using freshly dried solvents. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), methylene chloride (CH_2Cl_2), diethyl ether (Et_2O), acetonitrile (MeCN), toluene and benzene were dried by passing through activated alumina columns. Dimethylformamide (DMF) was dried over activated molecular sieves, MeOH was distilled over magnesium oxide and dichloroethane (DCE) was distilled over calcium hydride. All other commercially obtained reagents were used as received. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using EMD/Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (0.25 mm). Flash column chromatography was performed either as described by Still et al. (Still, W. C., Kahn, M.; Mitra, A. *J. Org. Chem.* **1978**, *43*, 2923-2925.) using silica gel (partical size 0.032-0.063) purchased from Silicycle or using pre-packaged RediSep[®]Rf columns on a CombiFlash Rf system (Teledyne ISCO Inc.). Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco P-2000 polarimeter using a 100 mm path-length cell at 589 nm. Microwave experiments were performed using a Biotage Initiator[®] microwave reactor. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 (at 300 MHz and 75 MHz respectively) or a Varian Inova 500 (at 500 MHz and 125 MHz respectively), and are reported relative to internal CHCl_3 (^1H , $\delta = 7.26$) or CDHCl_2 (^1H , $\delta = 5.32$), and CDCl_3 (^{13}C , $\delta = 77.0$) or CD_2Cl_2 (^{13}C , $\delta = 53.8$). Data for ^1H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicity and qualifier abbreviations are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad, app = apparent. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer

Paragon 1000 spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm^{-1}). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained from the Caltech Mass Spectral Facility. Preparative HPLC was performed with an Agilent 1100 Series HPLC utilizing an Agilent Zorbax RX-SIL $5\mu\text{m}$ column ($9.4 \times 250 \text{ mm}$). Analytical chiral HPLC was performed with an Agilent 1100 Series HPLC utilizing Chiralcel OD-H columns ($4.6 \text{ mm} \times 25 \text{ cm}$) obtained from Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd with visualization at 220 nm . Analytical HPLC was performed on an Agilent 1290 Infinity Eclipse Plus C_{18} $1.8\mu\text{m}$ column ($2.1 \times 50 \text{ mm}$). Melting points were determined using a Büchi B-545 capillary melting point apparatus and the values reported are uncorrected.

3.4.2 Substrate Preparation

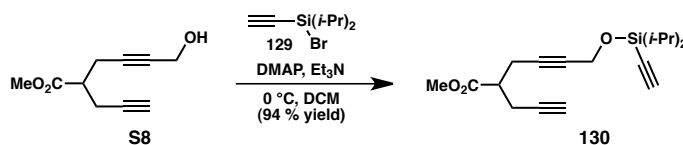
Preparation of S8



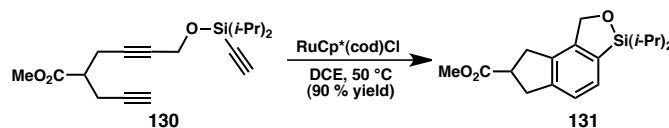
A 250 mL flask open to air was charged with diester **109** (4.95 g, 20.8 mmol), NaCl (1.30 g, 22.3 mmol), water (740 μL , 41.1 mmol) and DMSO (80 mL). The flask was fitted with a condenser and heated to $150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ with vigorous stirring. Upon heating, the reaction darkened from light yellow to brown, and after 30 min at $150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was black. After heating for 11 h TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material, and reaction was cooled to $22\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (500 mL) and washed with aqueous NaCl (2 x 250 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO_4), concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (0 \rightarrow 80% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford

S8 (2.44 g, 65% yield) as a clear oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.24 (dt, $J = 6.1, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.76 (tt, $J = 7.1, 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.65 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.02 (t, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.48 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.0, 81.5, 80.7, 80.3, 70.5, 52.1, 50.7, 42.9, 42.8, 20.1, 20.0, 19.8, 19.7. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3292, 2953, 2916, 1727. HRMS (FAB) calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 181.0865, found 181.0860.

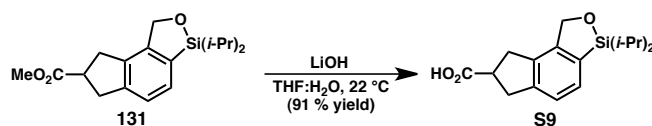
Preparation of Triyne 130



A freshly prepared solution of bromo(ethynyldiisopropyl)silane **129** (17.3 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) was slowly added to a solution of alcohol **S8** (2.44 g, 13.5 mmol), triethylamine (3.80 mL, 27.3 mmol) and DMAP (330 mg, 2.7 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to 22 °C over a period of 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding triyne **130** (4.03 g, 94% yield) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.42 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.80 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.56 (m, 4H), 2.47 (s, 1H), 2.00 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.12 – 0.96 (m, 14H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.9, 95.5, 83.8, 81.5, 80.6, 80.4, 70.4, 53.0, 52.1, 43.2, 20.3, 20.0, 16.9, 16.8, 12.8. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2948, 2867, 2033, 1741, cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES $^+$) calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 319.1724, found 319.1719.

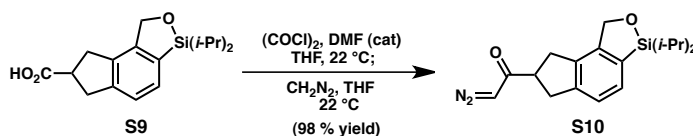
Preparation of Ester 131

A flame-dried 250 mL three-neck round bottom flask, equipped with condenser and magnetic stir bar, was charged with a degassed (3 freeze-pump-thaw cycles) solution of triyne **130** (4.00 g, 12.6 mmol) in dichloroethane (40 mL). A solution of $\text{RuCp}^*(\text{cod})\text{Cl}$ (55.0 mg, 144 μmol) in DCE (10 mL) was prepared in a glove-box and slowly added to the triyne solution at 22 $^\circ\text{C}$. **Warning:** Reaction is highly exothermic. Use of chilled (0 $^\circ\text{C}$) water condenser is required. Upon completion of the catalyst addition the reaction was heated at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 min. After cooling to 22 $^\circ\text{C}$ the solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, crude oil was purified by flash chromatography (0 \rightarrow 15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **131** (3.61 g, 90% yield) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 – 4.92 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.39 (quintet, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.18 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.13 (m, 2H), 1.13 – 0.90 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.7, 146.6, 143.5, 134.6, 130.6, 129.7, 123.0, 71.1, 52.0, 43.1, 36.1, 33.9, 17.0, 17.0, 13.1, 13.1. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2944, 2864, 1738 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES $^+$) calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 319.1729, found 319.1717.

Preparation of Acid S9

To a solution of ester **131** (1.70 g, 5.34 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at 22 °C was added solution of LiOH (0.26 g, 11 mmol) in H₂O (20 mL). The resulting heterogeneous mixture was stirred vigorously for 60 min, after which time the reaction became homogeneous. TLC analysis indicated consumption of starting material. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL) and washed with aqueous 1M HCl (ca. 100 mL), saturated aqueous NaCl (ca. 100 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure afford acid **S9** (1.59 g, 98% yield) as a yellow oil which was used without further purification. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.09 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 3.44 (tt, *J* = 9.3, 8.0 Hz 1H), 3.38 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.21 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 1.01 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.1, 146.5, 143.30, 134.4, 130.7, 129.8, 123.0, 71.1, 43.0, 36.0, 33.7, 17.0, 13.1, 13.1. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3023, 2944, 2864, 1734, 1707 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ES+) calc'd for C₁₇H₂₃O₃Si [M – H]⁻ 303.1422, found 303.1427.

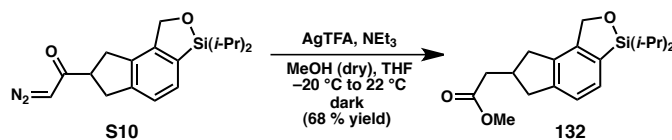
Preparation of Diazo Ketone S10



A flame-dried 25 mL flask containing acid **S9** (131 mg, 0.430 mmol) was charged with THF (5 mL) under N₂. To the resulting solution was added 1 drop of DMF, followed by oxalyl chloride (73 μL, 0.86 mmol) at 22 °C. Within 10 min gas evolution stopped and solvent was removed under the reduced pressure, followed by azeotroping with 3 x 10 mL anhydrous benzene to remove traces of residual HCl. ¹H NMR analysis confirmed clean conversion of the starting acid **S9** to the acid chloride. The resulting yellow oil was

diluted with THF (10 mL) under N₂. Diazomethane (~5-6 mmol, solution in Et₂O) was briefly dried over KOH (5 min) and carefully decanted at 0 °C into a 50 mL Erlenmeyer flask. The acid chloride/THF solution was then transferred via Teflon cannula to excess diazomethane at 0 °C with gentle stirring, resulting in steady gas evolution. The solution was warmed to 22 °C over the period of 10 h. TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure (with AcOH in the trap to quench any unreacted CH₂N₂). The crude yellow oil was purified by flash chromatography (4:1 EtOAc/hexanes), yielding diazo ketone **S10** (130 mg, 98% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (br. s, 1H), 5.12 – 4.92 (m, 2H), 3.37 (br. s, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.32 – 1.13 (m, 2H), 1.03-0.97 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 146.6, 143.4, 134.5, 130.7, 129.8, 123.0, 71.2, 54.0, 49.1, 36.0, 33.8, 17.0, 13.10, 13.08. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2942, 2863, 2104, 1641 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ES+) calc'd for C₁₈H₂₅N₂O₂Si [M+H]⁺ 329.1685, found 329.1676.

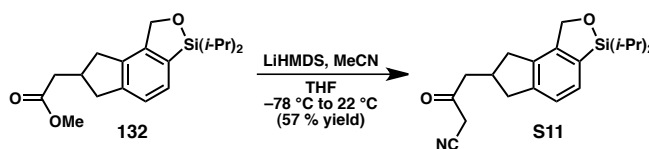
Preparation of Methyl Ester 132



A 25 mL flame-dried flask was charged with diazo ketone **S10** (87 mg, 0.27 mmol). Dry benzene (10 mL) was added and evaporated under vacuum. The azeotropic procedure was repeated two additional times. The resulting material was dried under high

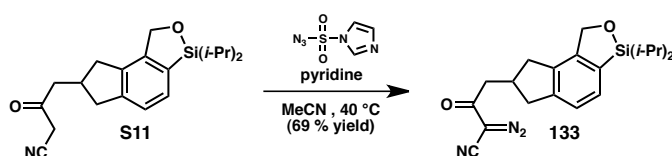
vacuum for 30 min then dissolved in THF (3 mL) and dry MeOH (300 μ L) was added. The flask was covered in foil and cooled to -20 $^{\circ}$ C. A solution of silver trifluoroacetate (6.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) in Et₃N (110 μ L, 0.80 mmol) was added in one portion to the diazo ketone solution at -20 $^{\circ}$ C. (Note: vigorous stirring during Et₃N addition is critical to ensure dissolution of silver salt. Lack of stirring can result in a brown silver clump and incomplete dissolution. When dissolved one obtains a clear tan solution). The reaction was slowly warmed over 4 h to 22 $^{\circ}$ C (starting material consumption was confirmed by TLC). The reaction was diluted with diethylether (15 mL) quenched with 1M HCl (2 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with 20 mL Et₂O, and the combined organics were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude brown oil was purified by flash chromatography (8:1 EtOAc/hexanes), yielding ester **132** (60 mg, 68% yield) as a clear oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.14 – 4.89 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.18 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, J = 15.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.50 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.35 – 1.11 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 0.82 (m, 12H); IR (NaCl/thin film): 2943, 2864, 1739 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for C₁₉H₂₉O₃Si [M+H]⁺ 333.1886, found 333.1875.

Preparation of β -Ketonitrile S11



A flame-dried 25 mL flask was charged with LiHMDS (1M solution in THF, 780 μ L, 0.78 mmol) and THF (2 mL), and cooled to -78 $^{\circ}$ C. MeCN (48 μ L, 0.90 mmol) was added dropwise and solution was stirred at -78 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 min. Ester **132** (120 mg, 0.36 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added dropwise and resulting solution was left at -78 $^{\circ}$ C for 60 min then warmed to 22 $^{\circ}$ C. TLC analysis showed complete consumption of starting material. Et₂O (50 mL) was added and the reaction was quenched by the addition of aqueous saturated NH₄Cl (ca. 20 mL). The organic layer dried MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude yellow oil was purified by flash chromatography (0 \rightarrow 40% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield β -ketonitrile **S11** (105 mg, 90% yield) as a colorless oil. NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.10 – 4.86 (m, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 3.22 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.62 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 15.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.30 – 1.11 (m, 2H), 1.12 – 0.77 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 146.7, 144.0, 135.1, 130.4, 129.6, 123.1, 113.6, 71.2, 48.0, 38.7, 36.4, 34.2, 32.2, 17.00, 16.99, 16.97, 13.1. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2943, 2864, 2261, 1732 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₂₀H₂₈NO₂Si [M+H]⁺ 342.1889, found 342.1881.

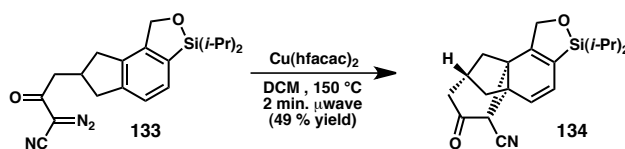
Preparation of Diazo β -Ketonitrile **133**



Pyridine (120 mL, 1.5 mmol) was added to a solution of imidazole-1-sulfonyl azide (61 mg, 0.35 mmol) and β -ketonitrile **S11** (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) in MeCN (6 mL).

Reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 12 h, after which time TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting β -ketonitrile **S11**. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→20% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **133** (85 mg, 79% yield) as a yellow oil. NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15 – 4.86 (m, 2H), 3.21 (dd, J = 15.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.12 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.93 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.69 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.28 – 1.15 (m, 2H), 1.04 – 0.96 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.4, 146.7, 144.0, 135.1, 130.5, 129.6, 123.1, 108.4, 71.2, 57.5, 45.1, 38.8, 36.4, 35.3, 17.0, 13.1; IR (NaCl/thin film): 2942, 2864, 2222, 2128, 1678cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES⁺) calc'd for C₂₀H₂₆NO₂Si [M–N₂+H]⁺ 340.1738, found 340.1718.

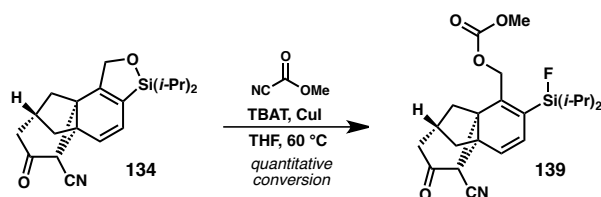
Cyclopropanation of α -Diazo- β -Ketonitrile **133**



A 5 mL microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **133** (10.0 mg, 0.027 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). Cu(hfacac)₂ (1.3 mg, 0.03 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.7 mL) was added via syringe through the septa of the sealed vial. The vial was placed into the microwave reactor and heated to 150 °C for 2 min (ramp from 22 °C to 120 °C required 2 min). TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting material. The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:3 EtOAc/hexanes), yielding

norcaradiene **134** (4.5 mg, 49% yield) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.52 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, $J = 9.2, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, $J = 16.6, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.19 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.17 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.10 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 – 1.07 (m, 2H), 1.06 – 1.00 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 149.1, 128.9, 128.1, 122.1, 111.9, 72.6, 51.0, 48.3, 43.4, 36.0, 34.5, 30.0, 26.1, 17.04, 16.98, 16.7, 16.6, 13.0, 12.9. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2943, 2864, 2239, 2128, 1699 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES $^+$) calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 340.1733, found 340.1720.

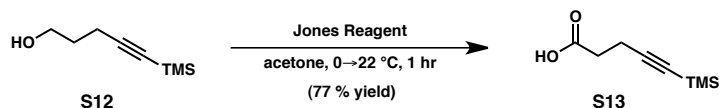
Preparation of Fluorosilane **139**



A 1 mL microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with α -keto- α -cyanocyclopropane **134** (2.5 mg, 0.007 mmol), CuI (1.7 mg, 0.009 mmol), and tetra-*n*-butylammonium difluorotriphenylsilicate (6.0 mg, 0.011 mmol). The vial was sealed and flushed with nitrogen, and Mander's reagent (0.8 mL, 0.009 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added via syringe through the septa of the sealed vial. The vial was heated to 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 hours, at which point TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting material. The reaction was filtered and the solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (1:2 EtOAc/hexanes), yielding norcaradiene **139**. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.40 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H),

2.34 (m, 3H), 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.12 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.6$ Hz, 6H), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.58, 155.35, 138.91, 129.17, 123.20, 111.83, 109.98, 68.13, 55.15, 51.34, 49.72, 43.40, 36.40, 35.45, 29.54, 25.41, 16.71, 16.46, 13.00, 12.38. IR (NaCl/thin film): 2937, 2848, 2239, 1743, 1694, 1343, 1034 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_4\text{O}_4\text{NSi}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 418.1850, found 418.1860.

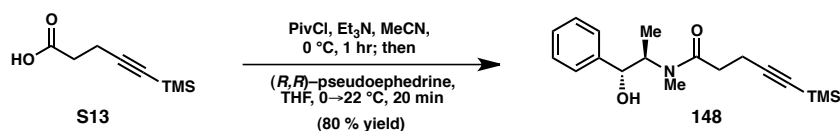
Preparation of Carboxylic Acid **S13**



To a 250 mL round-bottom flask containing acetone (15 mL) at 0 °C was added Jones reagent (21.4 mL, 64 mmol, approximately 3M). Alcohol **S12** (4.55 g, 29.1 mmol) in acetone (50 mL) was added dropwise via cannula to the vigorously stirred Jones reagent solution at 0 °C over 35 minutes. Upon completion of the addition the resulting thick green slurry was warmed to 22 °C, and stirred for 1 hour. After consumption of the starting material (TLC analysis), the reaction was quenched with isopropanol (2 mL). The reaction was filtered through a plug of celite and washed with 10 x 20 mL portions of acetone. The combined filtrates were concentrated *in vacuo*, and the resulting residue was partitioned between Et_2O and water. The aqueous layer was separated, back-extracted twice with Et_2O , and then basified with solid potassium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate such that the pH did not exceed 10 (Note: a pH exceeding 10 can result in silyl cleavage, the product of which is difficult to separate from **S13**). The basic aqueous layer was washed once with Et_2O , then acidified to pH 1 with aqueous 1M HCl and extracted three times with Et_2O . The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 ,

filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to provide 3.85 g (77% yield) of acid **S13** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.65 – 2.50 (m, 4H), 0.13 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.65, 104.52, 85.69, 77.25, 76.75, 33.16, 15.49, -0.00. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3017, 2928, 2858, 2173 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ [$\text{M}-\text{CH}_3$] 155.0528, found 155.0555.

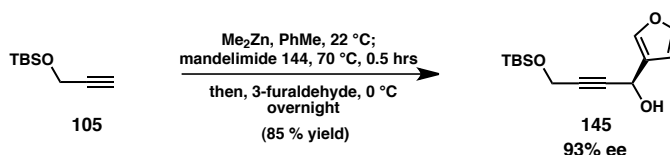
Preparation of Amide 148



To a flame-dried 500 mL round-bottom flask under N_2 containing acid **S13** (3.18 g, 18.7 mmol) was added MeCN (80 mL). After cooling to 0 °C, triethylamine (6.5 mL, 46.8 mmol) and pivaloyl chloride (2.35 mL, 19.0 mmol) were added successively, resulting in the formation of a thick yellow slurry, which was stirred for 1 hour at the same temperature. In a separate flask, (R,R) -pseudoephedrine was dissolved in THF (80 mL) under N_2 , and transferred via cannula to the mixed anhydride at 0 °C. The reaction was warmed to 22 °C over 1.5 hours, and quenched with water and aqueous 1M HCl after consumption of starting material (TLC analysis). The volatiles were concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was partitioned between EtOAc and brine. The aqueous layer was separated and backextracted once with EtOAc, and the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0 \rightarrow 50% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 4.75 g (80% yield) of amide **148** as a light yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -76.1^\circ$ (c 0.96, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (3:1 rotamer ratio, asterisk denotes minor peaks, 500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.26 (m, 10H), 4.58 (t, $J =$

7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.03* (dd, $J = 8.7, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.92* (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.44 (m, 7H), 1.09 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.99* (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.15* (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.26, 172.16*, 142.19, 141.06*, 128.73, 128.47*, 128.40, 127.75, 126.88, 126.42, 106.53*, 105.94, 85.03, 84.78*, 77.20*, 76.41, 75.48*, 58.29*, 58.16, 33.41, 32.74*, 32.47*, 26.83*, 16.13*, 15.92, 15.37*, 14.43, 0.12*, 0.06. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3392, 3064, 3031, 2959, 2899, 2176 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ [M+H] 318.1889, found 318.1896.

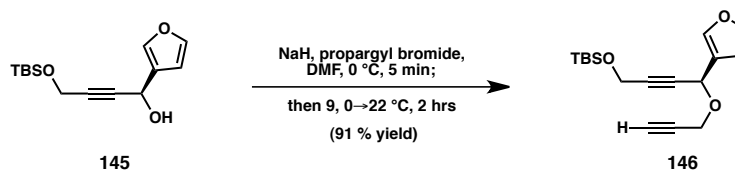
Preparation of Propargyl Alcohol **145**



To a flame-dried 1L flask under N_2 were added PhMe (110 mL), alkyne **105** (25.6 mL, 126 mmol) and Me_2Zn (100 mL, 120 mmol, 1.2M in PhMe) successively at 22 °C. The clear solution was stirred for 30 minutes at 22 °C. To a separate flame-dried 500 mL flask was added the mandelamide **144** (3.06 g, 12 mmol) and PhMe (110 mL), followed by heating to 70 °C to effect complete dissolution of the solids. This clear solution was transferred via cannula to the zinc-acetylide solution at 22 °C. After heating at 70 °C for 30 minutes the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and neat 3-furaldehyde (**106**, 2.60 mL, 30 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to 22 °C over 12 hours. After consumption of starting material (TLC analysis) the reaction (yellow slurry) was cooled to 0 °C and quenched carefully with aqueous 1M HCl (125 mL) until vigorous bubbling ceased (CAUTION! Methane gas evolves). The aqueous layer was separated

and back-extracted three times with PhMe. The combined organics layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by silica gel chromatography (0 \rightarrow 30% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 6.9 g (85% yield, 93% ee) of alcohol **145** as a light yellow oil. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis (OD-H, 1 mL/min, 10% IPA in hexanes, $\lambda = 220$ nm). $[\alpha]_D^{25} +7.5^\circ$ (*c* 1.78, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (dt, $J = 1.7, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, $J = 1.8, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.43 (br s, 1H), 4.39 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.55, 140.12, 126.24, 109.11, 83.88, 83.85, 57.29, 51.65, 25.76, 18.25, -5.18 . IR (NaCl/thin film): 3367, 2955, 2930, 2886, 2858 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+-\text{H}_2$ 265.1260, found 265.1265.

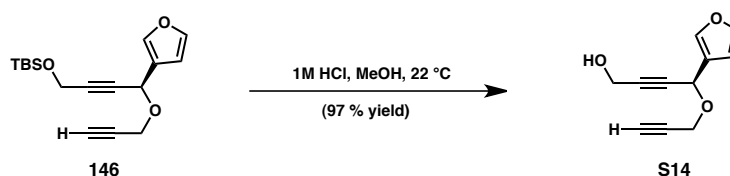
Preparation of propargyl ether **146**



To a flame-dried 250 mL flask in a glovebox was added sodium hydride (95%, 388 mg, 15.3 mmol). The flask was removed from the box and placed under N_2 on the bench. DMF (45 mL) was charged to the flask, and the grey suspension was cooled to 0 °C. Propargyl bromide (80% wt PhMe, 4.9 mL, 43.8 mmol) was added to the NaH slurry, immediately after which alcohol **145** (3.89 g, 14.6 mmol) in DMF (30 mL) was transferred to the reaction via cannula. The orange suspension was warmed to 22 °C and allowed to stir for 2 hours. After consumption of starting material (TLC analysis) the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl and the aqueous layer extracted

five times with hexane. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by silica gel chromatography (0 \rightarrow 10% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 4.0 g (91% yield) of propargyl ether **146** as a light yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +60.4^\circ$ (*c* 1.55, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (dt, $J = 1.7, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, $J = 1.8, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.43 – 5.41 (m, 1H), 4.40 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 15.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, $J = 15.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.52, 141.11, 123.38, 109.53, 85.49, 80.92, 79.15, 74.86, 62.53, 54.91, 51.66, 25.76, 18.25, -5.18 . IR (NaCl/thin film): 3297, 3146, 2955, 2929, 2893, 2857, 2114 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\bullet]$ 304.1495, found 304.1446.

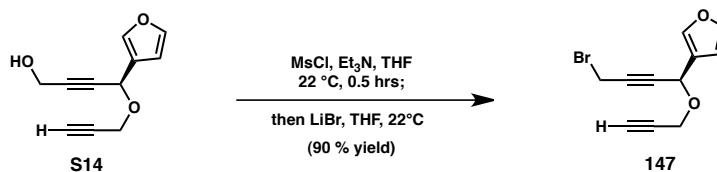
Preparation of alcohol S14



To a 250 mL flask containing propargyl ether **146** (4.00 g, 13.2 mmol) was added aqueous 1M HCl (400 μL). The clear yellow reaction was stirred open to air at 22 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 4 hours, at which point TLC analysis indicated full consumption of starting material. The reaction was neutralized and dried with solid NaHCO_3 and Na_2SO_4 , filtered, concentrated and purified by silica gel chromatography (0 \rightarrow 40% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 2.43 g (97% yield) of alcohol **S14** as a yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +78.3^\circ$ (*c* 3.40, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (dt, $J = 1.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, $J = 1.8, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.43 (br s, 1H), 4.37 (dd, $J = 6.2, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 15.7, 2.4$ Hz,

1H), 4.24 (dd, $J = 15.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.60, 141.12, 123.01, 109.37, 84.97, 81.78, 78.95, 75.10, 62.38, 54.88, 50.73. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3400, 3292, 3148, 2914, 2861, 2117 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+\bullet$] 190.0630, found 190.0614

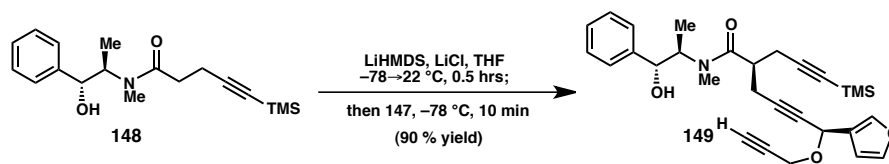
Preparation of bromide **147**



To a flame-dried 1 L flask under N_2 containing alcohol **S14** (3.33 g, 17.5 mmol) was added THF (300 mL), MsCl (1.50 mL, 19.3 mmol) and Et_3N (2.93 mL, 21.0) at 22°C . Upon addition of Et_3N a slurry immediately resulted, and this was stirred for 35 minutes. In a separate flame-dried 1 L flask LiBr (6.09 g, 70.1 mmol) was dissolved in THF (50 mL). The mesylate solution was transferred via a fritted funnel to the flask containing LiBr/THF with a THF (50 mL) wash. The resulting murky orange solution was stirred under N_2 at 22°C for 12 hours, after which time most of the THF was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was diluted with brine and extracted three times with hexane. The combined organics layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by silica gel chromatography (0 \rightarrow 10% $\text{EtOAc}/\text{hexanes}$) to provide 4.0 g (90% yield) of bromide **147** as a light yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25} +73.5^\circ$ (c 1.57, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (dt, $J = 1.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, $J = 1.7, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (br s, 1H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 15.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, $J = 15.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 143.66, 141.20, 122.89, 109.42, 83.13, 81.71, 78.93, 75.13, 62.43, 55.04, 13.72. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3293, 3148, 3007, 2957, 2904, 2856, 2117 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for cationic fragment C₈H₆OBr [M- $\text{--}\text{O--CH}_2\text{--C}\equiv\text{CH}$] 196.9602, found 196.9637.

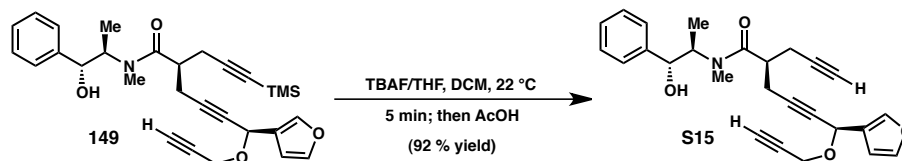
Preparation of triyne **149**



To a flame-dried 250 mL flask in a glovebox was added LHMDS (97%, 3.28 g, 19.6 mmol) and LiCl (1.72 g, 40.5 mmol). The flask was sealed and placed under N₂ on the bench. THF (10 mL) was added at 22 °C, and the thin slurry was cooled to -78 °C. To a 100 mL flask containing amide **148** (3.00 g, 9.45 mmol) THF (60 mL) was charged, and the solution was cannula transferred to the LHMDS/LiCl solution at -78 °C. The light copper colored solution was warmed to 22 °C, and held at this temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction was re-cooled to -78 °C, and bromide **147** (1.71g, 6.75 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was cannula transferred to the amide enolate with a 10 mL THF wash. After 10 minutes the reaction was judged complete by TLC, and was quenched with aqueous saturated NH₄Cl and extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by silica gel chromatography (0 → 40% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 3.29 g (90% yield) of triyne **149** as a light yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -4.2° (*c* 3.25, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (2.5:1 rotamer ratio, asterisk denotes minor peaks, 500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55* (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.26 (m, 12H), 6.51* (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.37* (br s,

1H), 5.32 (br s, 4H), 4.62 – 4.51 (m, 3H), 4.34 – 4.25 (m, 3H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 15.7, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.75 – 3.60 (br s, 2H), 3.35* (app qnt, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.14 (app qnt, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.96* (s, 3H), 2.64 – 2.48 (m, 8H), 2.45 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.06 – 1.01 (m, 6H), 0.15 (s, 9H), 0.08* (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.67, 173.91*, 143.53, 143.49*, 141.84, 141.32, 141.13*, 141.04, 128.73, 128.39*, 128.34, 127.76, 126.84, 126.60, 123.61*, 123.58, 109.58*, 109.42, 103.98*, 103.69, 86.81, 86.34*, 85.17*, 84.20, 79.35*, 79.14, 78.25, 78.11*, 75.89, 75.40*, 74.88, 74.83*, 62.62*, 62.49, 58.42*, 58.26, 54.78, 54.65*, 40.93, 40.27*, 32.62, 30.70, 29.65*, 27.44, 23.26*, 23.13, 22.15*, 21.71, 16.02*, 14.30, -0.02*, -0.08. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3400, 3294, 3146, 3062, 3029, 2959, 2901, 2856, 2281, 2228, 2174, 2115, 1625 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for cationic fragment $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{Si}$ [$\text{M} - \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$] 382.1833, found 382.1819.

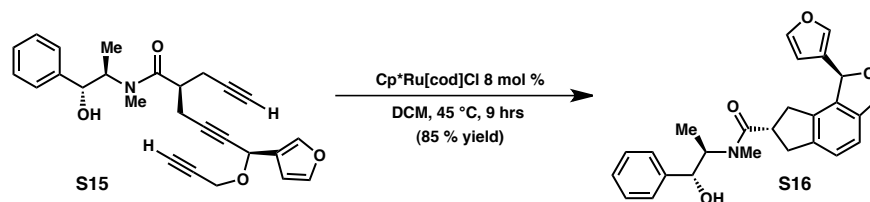
Preparation of triyne **S15**



To a 100 mL flask containing triyne **149** (3.42 g, 6.98 mmol) was added DCM (50 mL). TBAF (1M THF, 7.12 mL, 7.12 mmol) was charged to the yellow solution at 22 °C, resulting in an immediate color change to light brown. After 5 minutes TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of starting material, and the reaction was quenched with acetic acid (450 μL). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0 \rightarrow 40% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 2.77 g (92% yield) of triyne **S15** as a light yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -8.1^\circ$ (c 1.75, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (2.5:1 rotamer

ratio, asterisk denotes minor peaks, 500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 – 7.54* (m, 1H), 7.48 (dt, J = 1.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.25 (m, 12H), 6.50* (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, J = 1.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36* (br s, 1H), 5.32 (br s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.33 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.15 (m, 3H), 3.61 (br s, 1H), 3.31* (app qnt, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (app qnt, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.95* (s, 3H), 2.70 – 2.39 (m, 12H), 2.04 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.96* (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.04* (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.44, 173.64*, 143.53, 143.48*, 141.64, 141.27, 141.20*, 141.01, 128.72, 128.36, 127.82, 126.78*, 126.61, 123.63*, 123.56, 109.56, 109.40, 85.05*, 83.98, 81.48*, 81.38, 79.33*, 79.11, 78.35, 78.18*, 77.20*, 75.86, 75.40*, 74.89, 74.83*, 70.29, 70.01*, 62.61*, 62.46, 58.21*, 57.64, 54.78, 54.66*, 40.76, 40.06*, 32.15, 27.51*, 21.95*, 21.70*, 21.62, 21.59, 15.84*, 14.22. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3394, 3290, 2977, 2913, 2848, 2590, 2228, 2114, 1622 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_4$ [$\text{M}+\bullet$] 417.1940, found 417.1939.

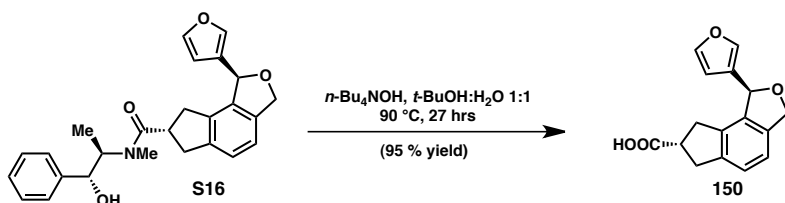
Preparation of arene S16



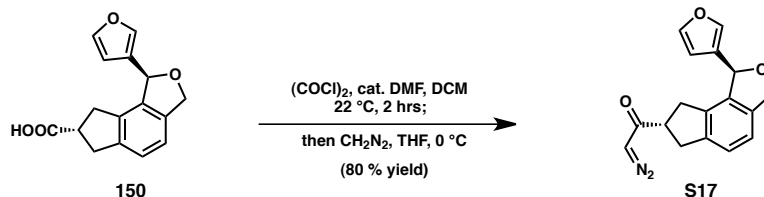
To a flame-dried 500 mL flask containing triyne **S15** (2.70 g, 6.47 mmol) was added DCM (100 mL). In a glovebox, $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}[\text{cod}]\text{Cl}$ (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (10 mL), and the clear brown catalyst solution was added in one portion to the triyne at 45 °C. After 2 hours an additional 50 mg of catalyst (2 mol %) was charged as a DCM solution, and this was repeated two times until the starting material was completely

consumed (HPLC analysis, 4 x 2 mol % catalyst additions total). The solvent was then concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0 → 50% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 2.3 g (85% yield) of arene **S16** as a yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 9.7^\circ$ (*c* 0.86, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (2.2:1 rotamer ratio, asterisk denotes minor peaks, 500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49* (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.43* (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.22 (m, 10H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.27* (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (br s, 2H), 5.22 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 4.64 – 4.59 (m, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.07 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.53* (app qnt, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (app tt, *J* = 8.9, 7.0 Hz 1H), 3.26 – 3.04 (m, 5H), 2.94* (s, 3H), 2.93 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.73* (dd, *J* = 16.3, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.03* (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.89, 175.40*, 143.59, 143.55*, 142.35, 141.70, 141.12*, 140.74, 140.69, 137.92, 137.85*, 136.48*, 136.42, 136.27*, 135.70, 128.74, 128.48*, 128.35, 127.63, 126.75, 126.29, 125.66*, 125.57, 123.76, 123.65*, 119.20, 119.01*, 109.44*, 109.32, 77.20*, 77.16, 76.46, 75.46*, 72.77, 58.47, 58.19*, 41.77, 41.60*, 36.42*, 35.96, 34.13*, 33.66, 32.71, 27.23*, 15.52*, 14.34. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3391, 3131, 3058, 3028, 2916, 2849, 1622 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C₂₆H₂₇NO₄ [M+•] 417.1940, found 417.1959.

Preparation of acid 150



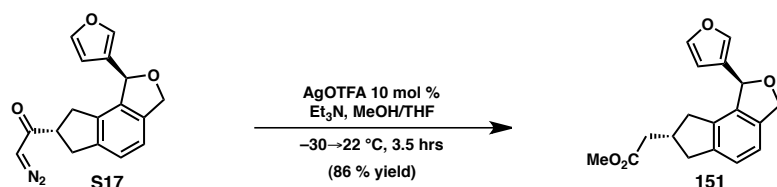
To a 500 mL flask open to air was added arene **S16** (2.45 g, 5.87 mmol), *t*-BuOH (70 mL), and water (70 mL). To this colorless clear solution was added *n*-Bu₄NOH (1.5 M in H₂O, 11.74 mL, 17.61 mmol), and the reaction was heated to 90 °C for 27 hours. At this time HPLC analysis indicated a 99:1 ratio of starting material to product, and the clear yellow reaction was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with an aqueous 5:1 mixture of NaH₂PO₄/NaHSO₄ (approximately pH=2.5). After a reaction pH of < 3 was achieved, most of the *t*-BuOH was concentrated *in vacuo*. The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc until HPLC analysis confirmed no remaining product in the aqueous layer. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by silica gel chromatography (0 → 70% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 1.50 g (95% yield) of acid **150** as a 10:1 ratio of inseparable diastereomers. $[\alpha]_D^{25} +96.1^\circ$ (*c* 1.95, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (10:1 diastereomer ratio, asterisk denotes minor peaks 500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.44* (s, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.23* (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 2H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 3.38 – 3.17 (m, 6H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 8.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.07, 180.84*, 143.71, 141.43, 141.40*, 140.74, 140.65*, 138.06*, 138.03, 136.50, 136.39*, 135.28, 125.30, 123.88, 119.38, 109.27*, 109.21, 77.19*, 77.15, 72.66, 43.70*, 43.17, 35.48*, 35.42, 33.76*, 33.34. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3122, 3076, 3027, 2951, 2853, 2744, 2655, 2565, 1731, 1705 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for C₁₆H₁₃O₄ [M+H]-H₂ 269.0814, found 269.0816.

Preparation of diazo ketone S17

To a flame-dried 250 mL flask containing acid **150** (1.47 g, 5.44 mmol, 10:1 ratio diastereomers) was added DCM (60 mL), 1 drop of DMF, and $(\text{COCl})_2$ (933 μL , 10.9 mmol) at 22 °C. A clear deep red solution resulted, and steady gas evolution occurred for 15 minutes. After 2 hours the solvent was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the red residue was placed under argon. NMR analysis confirmed complete conversion of the acid to the acid chloride. The acid chloride was then dissolved in THF (70 mL), and in a separate Erlenmeyer flask 250 mL of an ethereal diazomethane solution was dried briefly over KOH at 0 °C. This was carefully decanted into a separate oven-dried Erlenmeyer at 0 °C, and placed under nitrogen. The acid chloride/THF solution was cannula transferred over 10 minutes to the yellow diazomethane (excess) solution at 0 °C, which resulted in a steady gas evolution. The murky brown reaction was held for 20 minutes at the same temperature, after which time TLC analysis indicated full consumption of the starting material. The reaction was quenched with AcOH until bubbling subsided, and the volatiles were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (0 \rightarrow 30% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 1.28 g (80% yield) of diazo ketone **S17** as a yellow solid. The product was determined to be a 10:1 mixture of separable diastereomers. The major diastereomer was separated from a small sample (preparative HPLC) for characterization. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +175.7^\circ$ (*c* 0.98, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08

(d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, $J = 1.8, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (br s, 1H), 5.25 (br s, 1H), 5.22 (dd, $J = 12.1, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.08 (m, 3H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 16.4, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, $J = 16.4, 9.1$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.10, 143.68, 141.51, 140.70, 138.16, 136.61, 135.43, 125.47, 123.87, 119.37, 109.26, 77.12, 72.71, 53.90, 49.20, 35.53, 33.39. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3090, 2942, 2913, 2848, 2228, 2104, 1635 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]-\text{H}_2$ 293.0926, found 293.0932.

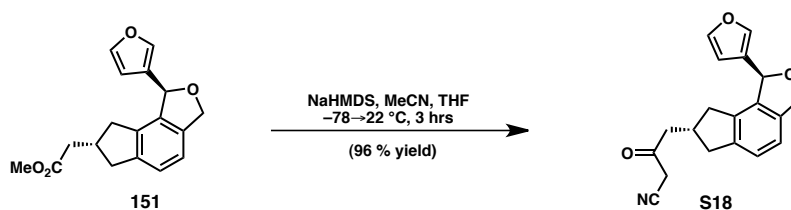
Preparation of methyl ester 151



To a flame-dried 250 mL flask containing diazo ketone **S17** (1.22 g, 4.14 mmol, 10:1 ratio diastereomers) was added THF (110 mL) and MeOH (12.0 mL). The flask was covered in foil and cooled to -30 °C. To a N_2 purged 25 mL conical flask protected from light was added silver trifluoroacetate (91 mg, 0.414 mmol), followed by Et_3N (1.73 mL, 12.42 mmol) with vigorous stirring at 22 °C. (Note: vigorous stirring during Et_3N addition is critical to ensure dissolution of silver salt. Lack of stirring can result in a brown silver clump and incomplete dissolution. When dissolved a clear tan solution is obtained). The $\text{Et}_3\text{N}/\text{AgOTFA}$ solution was added in one portion to the clear yellow diazo ketone solution at -30 °C. The reaction was slowly warmed to 23 °C over 3.5 hours (starting material consumed by TLC), after which time clear red/brown solution was present with a silver mirror. The reaction was quenched with 1 mL of aqueous 1M HCl,

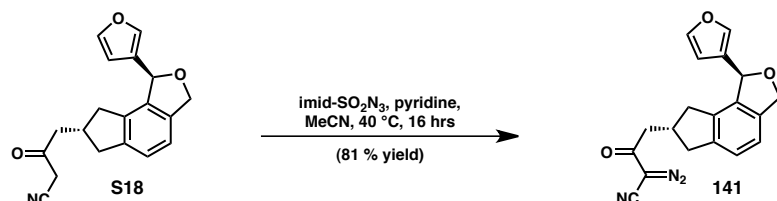
and diluted with 50 mL Et₂O. The aqueous layer was separated and back-extracted twice Et₂O, and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude brown residue was purified (0→30% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding 1.07 g (86% yield) of methyl ester **151** as a white solid. The product was determined to be a 10:1 mixture of separable diastereomers. The major diastereomer was separated from a small sample (preparative HPLC) for characterization. $[\alpha]_D^{25} +97.1^\circ$ (*c* 0.92, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (br s, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (apt spt, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.17, 143.65, 142.62, 140.63, 137.79, 136.65, 136.39, 125.58, 124.06, 118.97, 109.32, 77.21, 72.70, 51.53, 39.78, 38.37, 36.29, 35.93. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3438, 3142, 3121, 2996, 2953, 2894, 2840, 1723 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for C₁₇H₁₃N₂O₃ [M+H]-H₂ 297.1127, found 297.1126.

Preparation of ketonitrile S18



To a flame-dried 100 mL flask containing methyl ester **151** (1.05 g, 3.52 mmol, 10:1 ratio diastereomers) was added THF (50 mL). To a separate flame-dried 250 mL flask in the glovebox was added NaHMDS (1.42 g, 7.75 mmol). The flask was then

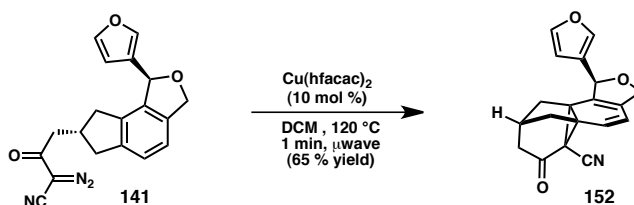
sealed and put under N₂ on the bench. THF (25 mL) was charged to the NaHMDS, and the light yellow solution was cooled to –78 °C. Anhydrous MeCN (440 µL, 8.45 mmol) was added via syringe to the NaHMDS solution, and stirred at –78 °C for 20 minutes. The methyl ester **151** solution was transferred via cannula to the sodio-acetonitrile solution with a 10 mL THF wash. The reaction was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 1.5 hours, at which point TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of starting material. The reaction was quenched with aqueous saturated NH₄Cl, and diluted with brine and Et₂O. The aqueous layer was separated and back-extracted twice with Et₂O. The combined organics were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified (0→45% EtOAc/hexanes) to provide 1.04 g (96% yield) of keto nitrile **S18** as an approximate 10:1 mixture of inseparable diastereomers. $[\alpha]_D^{25} +92.5^\circ$ (*c* 2.25, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (10:1 diastereomer ratio, asterisk denotes minor peaks 500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43* (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 6.12* (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 5.21 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 3.40* (s, 2H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.92 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.80 – 2.74 (m, 6H), 2.56 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 5.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.76, 196.69*, 143.65, 143.59*, 142.23*, 142.10, 140.55, 137.91, 137.80*, 136.68, 136.62*, 136.10*, 135.86, 125.71*, 125.46, 124.06, 123.94*, 119.13, 119.08*, 113.63, 109.22, 77.20*, 77.12, 72.71*, 72.62, 47.76, 47.39*, 38.21, 38.13*, 36.33*, 36.14, 34.91*, 34.26, 32.14. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3139, 3076, 3025, 2942, 2913, 2847, 2259, 2183, 1729 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for C₁₉H₁₆NO₃ [M+H]–H₂ 306.1130, found 306.1137.

Preparation of diazo keto nitrile **141**

To a 500 mL flask containing keto nitrile **S18** (975 mg, 3.18 mmol, approximately 10:1 ratio diastereomers) and imidazole sulfonyl azide (715 mg, 4.13 mmol) was added MeCN (100 mL). The headspace was purged with N₂, and pyridine (1.41 mL, 17.50 mmol) was added in one portion, resulting in a hazy yellow solution. The reaction was heated to 40 °C, and after 1 hour became orange in color. After heating an additional 13 hours the TLC analysis indicated full consumption of starting material. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→30% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding 858 mg (81% yield) of diazo keto nitrile **141** (yellow oil) as a 10:1 mixture of inseparable diastereomers. $[\alpha]_D^{25} +87.0^\circ$ (*c* 2.80, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (10:1 diastereomer ratio, asterisk denotes minor peaks 500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (s, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.21 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (br s, 2H), 5.22 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.98 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.81 – 2.69 (m, 6H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 6.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.22, 143.61, 142.18*, 142.01, 140.56, 140.54*, 137.95, 137.82*, 136.68, 136.59*, 136.08*, 135.81, 125.65*, 125.48, 124.03, 123.90*, 119.12, 119.07*, 109.23, 108.30*, 77.20*, 77.10, 72.69*, 72.61, 57.46, 44.88, 44.56*, 38.20, 38.11*, 36.40*, 36.12, 35.81*, 35.23. IR (NaCl/thin film): 3487, 3330, 3131, 3073, 3024, 2943, 2904, 2846, 2459, 2249,

2221, 2129, 1883, 1673 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]-\text{H}_2$ 332.1035, found 332.1028.

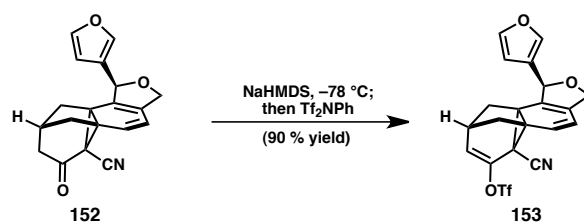
Preparation of Norcaradiene 152



A 20 mL microwave vial was charged with $\text{Cu}(\text{hfacac})_2$ (14.9 mg, 0.03 mmol), sealed, and purged with N_2 . To a flame-dried 25 mL flask containing diazo β -ketonitrile **141** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol, 10:1 mixture diastereomers) was charged DCM (15 mL). The diazo solution was then transferred via syringe into the sealed microwave vial. The vial was placed into the microwave reactor and heated to 120°C for 1 minute (the desired temperature was reached in 1.5 minutes). TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting material, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (gradient elution, $0 \rightarrow 60\%$ EtOAc/Hexanes), yielding norcaradiene **152** (60 mg, 65% yield, single diastereomer) as a white solid. m.p. $197\text{--}199^\circ\text{C}$; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} + 185.8^\circ$ (c 0.18, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (dd, $J = 1.5, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, $J = 1.7, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, $J = 1.7, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.98 (t, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, $J = 12.8, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, $J = 12.5, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 – 2.20 (m, 3H), 2.14 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.12 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.73 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.68 (ddd, $J = 13.4, 5.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.2, 144.0, 140.9, 135.8, 131.1, 125.4, 125.4, 123.0, 112.0, 109.2, 79.3, 73.6, 51.6, 46.9, 43.24, 35.7, 34.5, 29.9, 26.2; IR (NaCl/thin film): 2937, 2848,

2239, 1694, 1343, 1034 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 306.1130 found 306.1136.

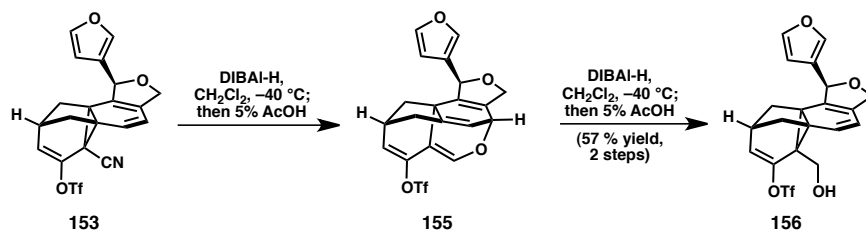
Preparation of Vinyl Triflate **153**



To a solution of β -ketonitrile **152** (30.0 mg, 0.10 mmol) in THF (20 mL) cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was added NaHMDS (20.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) in THF (1 mL). The resulting orange solution was stirred under N_2 for 30 minutes, after which time Tf_2NPh (43.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added in one portion. After 40 minutes the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and warmed up to $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The resulting mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous NaCl (20 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 40 mL). The combined ethereal solution was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (gradient elution, 0 \rightarrow 50% Hexanes/ EtOAc) to give 39 mg (90% yield) of **153** as a yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} + 168.4^{\circ}$ (c 2.50, CH_2Cl_2); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (dd, $J = 1.7, 0.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.40 (td, $J = 1.7, 0.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 9.4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.33 (ddd, $J = 1.7, 0.9, 0.4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.17 (d, $J = 9.4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.99 (d, $J = 8.3\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.91 (t, $J = 5.0\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.89 (m, 2H), 2.59 (dt, $J = 8.3, 4.9, 0.5\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 1.78 (dd, $J = 12.5, 5.0\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 1.53 (d, $J = 12.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 1.40 (dd, $J = 12.9, 5.0\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 1.10 (d, $J = 12.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.9, 140.9, 137.0, 135.4, 128.6, 125.2, 123.4, 123.2, 118.6 (q, $J = 318\text{ Hz}$), 115.5, 111.8, 109.1, 79.3, 73.8,

44.4, 39.7, 31.1, 29.4, 27.6, 16.7; IR (NaCl/thin film): 2935, 2854, 2240, 1654, 1506, 1425, 1212 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 438.0623, found 438.0641.

Preparation of Vinyl Triflate **156**



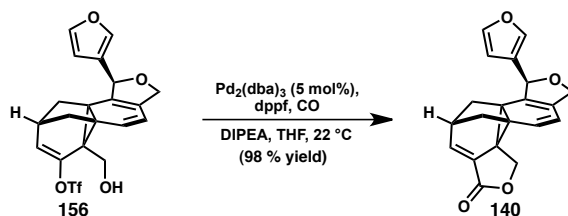
To a flame-dried flask under N_2 containing a solution of vinyl triflate **153** (25.0 mg, 0.06 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) was added DIBAL-H (24.0 mg, 0.17 mmol) in DCM (1 mL) at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After 30 minutes, reaction was complete (TLC analysis) and was quenched with 5% aqueous AcOH (5 mL) (**Warning**: H_2 evolution). The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred vigorously for 30 minutes (clear biphasic mixture resulted). The organic layer was separated and stirred with dilute aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (5 mL, 1:1 H_2O : aqueous saturated NaHCO_3) to remove traces of AcOH. This organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield 27.0 mg crude rearranged product **155** as pale yellow oil, which turns darker upon standing. (**Warning**: rearranged product **155** is extremely unstable and should be used for the next step immediately; it should be kept under argon and away from light as often as possible during workup). A small portion of the rearranged product **155** was purified by preparative HPLC for analytical purposes to give rearranged product **155** as a clear oil (retention time 4.6 minutes, 15% EtOAc/Hexanes), which was immediately dissolved in CD_2Cl_2 under argon for NMR

analysis. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 7.41 (br s, 1H), 7.40 (app t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.27 (dt, $J = 1.7, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.78 (br d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.53 (dt, $J = 4.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.50 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dt, $J = 13.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dt, $J = 13.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (td, $J = 7.0, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (br d, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dd, $J = 10.4, 4.2$ Hz, 1H); A completely clean ^{13}C NMR could not be obtained on the purified material due to the rapid decomposition. ^{13}C NMR, HSQC and HMBC spectra could be obtained, however, on mostly pure compound directly from the workup. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 144.16, 141.98, 141.48, 140.43, 139.16, 135.15, 130.34, 123.91, 120.28, 118.90 (q, $J = 320$ Hz), 116.43, 109.70, 108.83, 85.38, 74.53, 69.95, 57.85, 41.31, 36.26, 33.88; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_6\text{S} [\text{M}]^+$ 440.0541, found 440.0523.

The rearranged product **155** was dissolved in benzene and concentrated under reduced pressure, dried under vacuum for 10 minutes, backfilled with Ar, dissolved in dry DCM (10 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and treated with DIBAL-H (24.0 mg, 0.17 mmol) in DCM (1 mL). After 15 minutes, reaction was complete (TLC analysis) and was carefully quenched (H_2 evolution) with 5% aqueous AcOH (5 mL). When gas evolution ceased, the reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred vigorously for 30 minutes (a clear biphasic mixture formed). The organic layer was separated and stirred with dilute aqueous NaHCO_3 solution (5 mL, 1:1 H_2O saturated aqueous NaHCO_3) to remove traces of AcOH. This organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield crude yellow oil. This residue was purified by preparative HPLC (40% Hexanes/EtOAc, retention time 4 minutes) to give 14.3 mg (57% yield, two steps) of **156** as a clear oil.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} + 81.1^\circ$ (*c* 3.1, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 1.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 1.7, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (ddd, *J* = 1.8, 0.9, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.62, 143.55, 140.4, 132.3, 130.7, 125.8, 125.6, 121.0, 118.4 (q, *J* = 317.5 Hz), 116.1, 109.3, 80.1, 73.7, 56.0, 39.4, 34.1, 32.70, 30.8, 27.5, 24.2; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3436, 2930, 2895, 2855, 1653, 1505, 1417, 1208 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for C₂₀H₁₈F₃O₆S [M+H]⁺ 443.0776, found 443.0792.

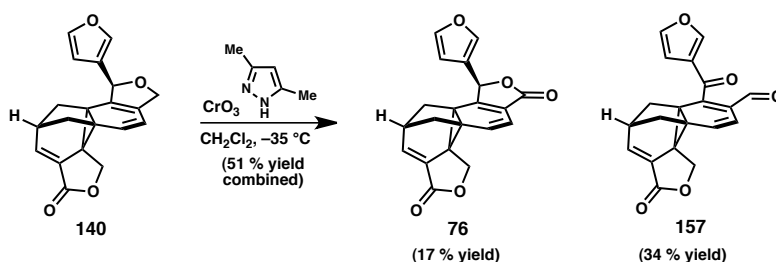
Preparation of Lactone 140



To an oven-dried 20-mL vial, equipped with a stir bar, septum and CO balloon, was added solution of vinyl triflate **156** (7.0 mg, 16 μ mol) in dry THF (4 mL). CO was allowed to bubble through the solution for 5 minutes. Triethylamine (9.0 μ L, 64 μ mol) was added, followed by dppf (1.6 mg, 1.6 μ mol) in THF (0.4 mL) and Pd₂(dba)₃ in THF (0.8 mL). The resulting yellow solution was gently warmed up to 40 °C under CO atmosphere. After 40 minutes the reaction was complete (LCMS analysis) and was passed through short pug of silica-gel, which was washed with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The

resulting filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by preparative HPLC (40% EtOAc/Hexanes, retention time 3.9 minutes) to give 5.2 mg (98% yield) of **140** as a clear oil, which solidifies when stored. $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 91.4^\circ$ (c 2.6, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (dd, $J = 1.3, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, $J = 1.7, 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.30 (ddd, $J = 1.9, 0.8, 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dd, $J = 12.0, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dt, $J = 7.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.28 (dd, $J = 12.4, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 0.84 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.1, 143.8, 140.7, 132.7, 131.0, 129.8, 125.4, 124.9, 124.7, 119.5, 109.1, 79.8, 74.0, 66.9, 39.6, 34.5, 31.6, 29.8, 27.8, 23.6; IR (NaCl/thin film): 2956, 2927, 2852, 1761, 1653, 1506, 1231, 1156 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 320.1049, found 320.1052.

Preparation of Salvileucalin B (76)



In a glove box a stirred suspension of finely grinded CrO_3 (27.0 mg, 0.27 mmol)¹ in DCM (7 mL) at -35°C was charged with a solution of 1,3-dimethylpyrazole (52.0 mg, 0.54 mmol) in DCM (4 mL). After 30 minutes complete dissolution of the CrO_3 was

¹ CrO_3 was dried under vacuum over P_2O_5 for 12 hours.

observed. To this clear dark orange solution ($\text{CrO}_3 \cdot \text{DMP}$ complex) was added solution of **140** (8.6 mg, 0.03 mmol) in DCM (2 mL). After 3 hours dark brown solution was allowed to warm up to 23 °C and loaded directly onto a 50 g silica column (no solvent evaporation). Elution with Hexanes/EtOAc (1:2) afforded crude mixture of salvileucalin B (**76**) and keto-aldehyde **157** as a yellow oil. Further purification was achieved by preparative HPLC (2:3 EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield 1.5 mg (17% yield) of salvileucalin B (**76**) as a clear oil and ketoaldehyde **157** 3.0 mg (34% yield) as yellow oil.

Synthetic Salvileucalin B (**76**): $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 40.8^\circ$ (*c* 0.14, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 168.1, 154.2, 144.5, 142.2, 134.3, 126.3, 123.8, 122.6, 119.2, 118.0, 108.3, 75.9, 66.3, 42.4, 36.6, 31.5, 29.6, 27.3, 25.7; IR (NaCl/thin film): 2952, 2913, 2848, 1754, 1352, 1295, 1233; HRMS (EI⁺) calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 334.0841, found 334.0840.

Keto-Aldehyde **157**: $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 210.1^\circ$ (*c* 0.24, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt, *J* = 9.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.4, 187.3, 168.1, 149.5, 146.7, 145.6, 134.5, 133.0, 128.8, 125.7, 123.7, 119.4, 108.3, 66.5, 42.9, 40.1, 31.0, 29.90, 28.7, 27.2; IR (NaCl/thin film): 3030, 2957, 2928, 2851,

2754, 1760, 1683, 1657, 1557, 1233 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 335.0914, found 335.0920.

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Appendix 2

Spectra Relevant to Chapter 3:

Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Salvileucalin B

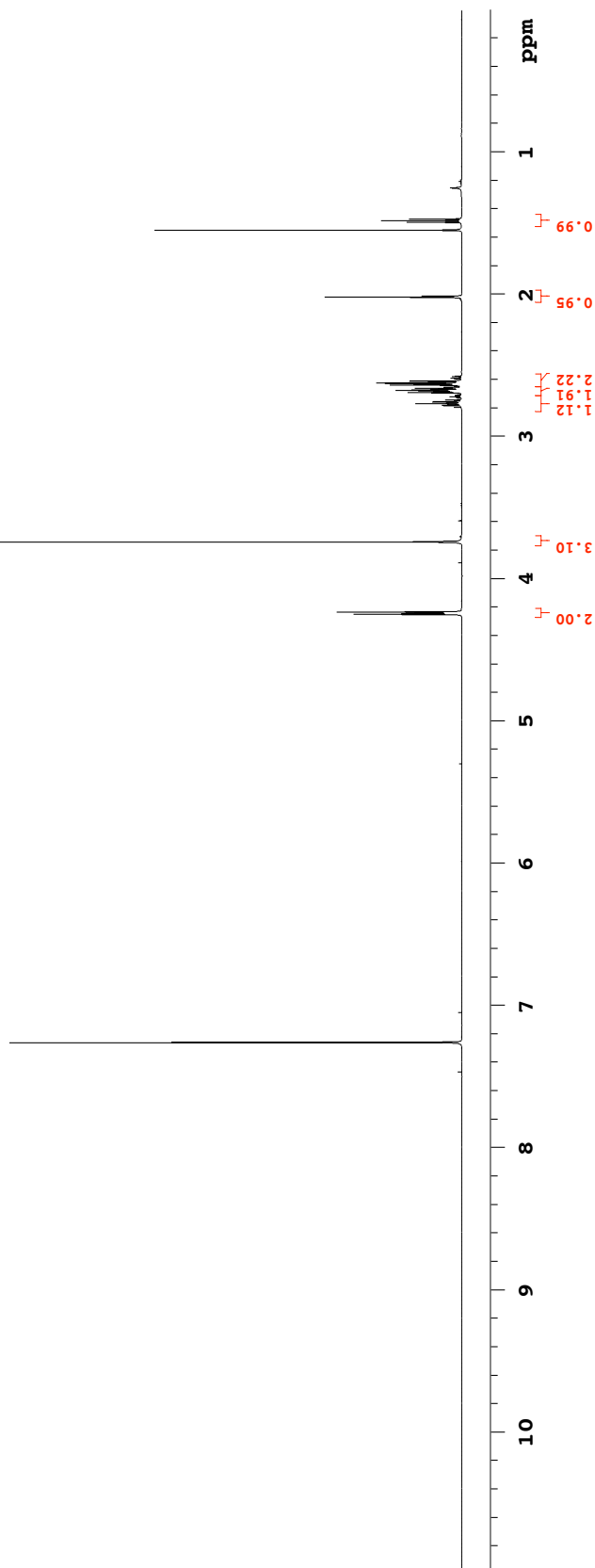
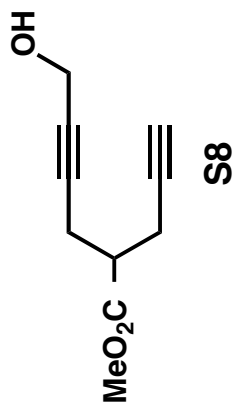
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Solvent: cdcl3
Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
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File: PROTON01
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Relax. delay 5.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.048 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
64 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7550816 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 7 min, 37 sec



monoester alcohol

Sample: RRN-1-262-2

File: indy/nanir/vnmrsys/data/RRN-1-262-2/CARBON01.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #40, Operator: nanir

File: CARBON01

INOVA-500 "erice.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

512 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635324 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

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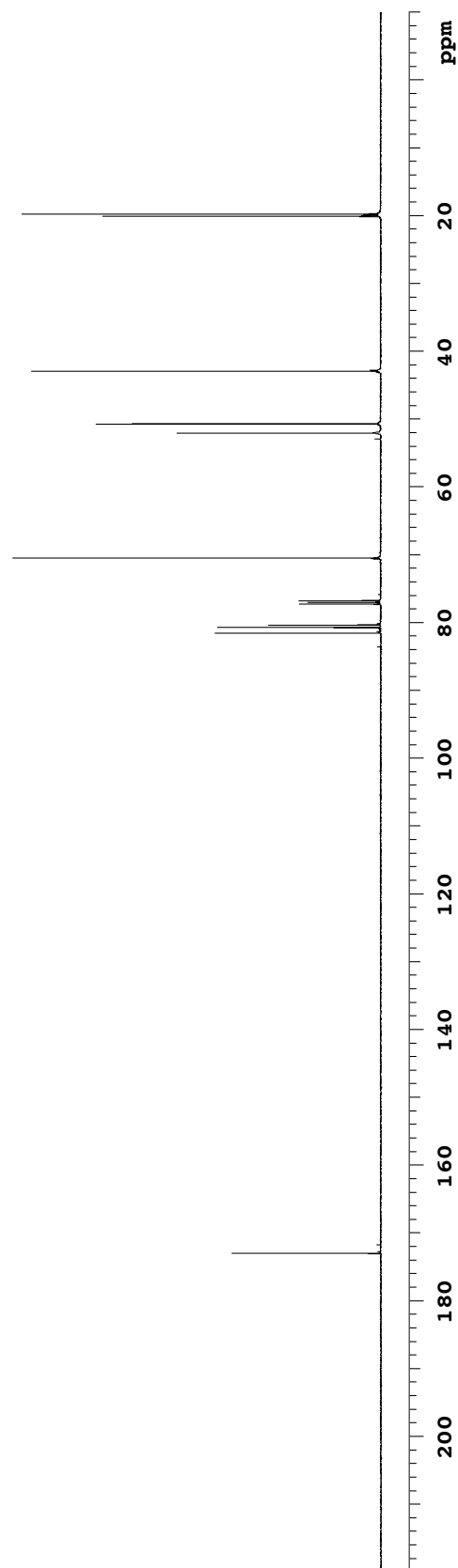
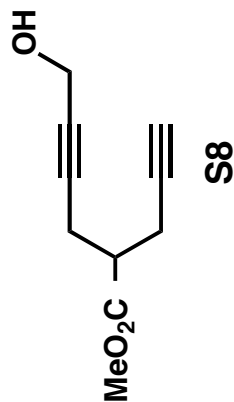
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FT size 65536

Total time 18 min, 14 sec



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Data Collected on:

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Archive directory:

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Sample directory:

RRN-2-266-3

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Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Nov 25 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

4000 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635136 MHZ

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHZ

Power 39 dB

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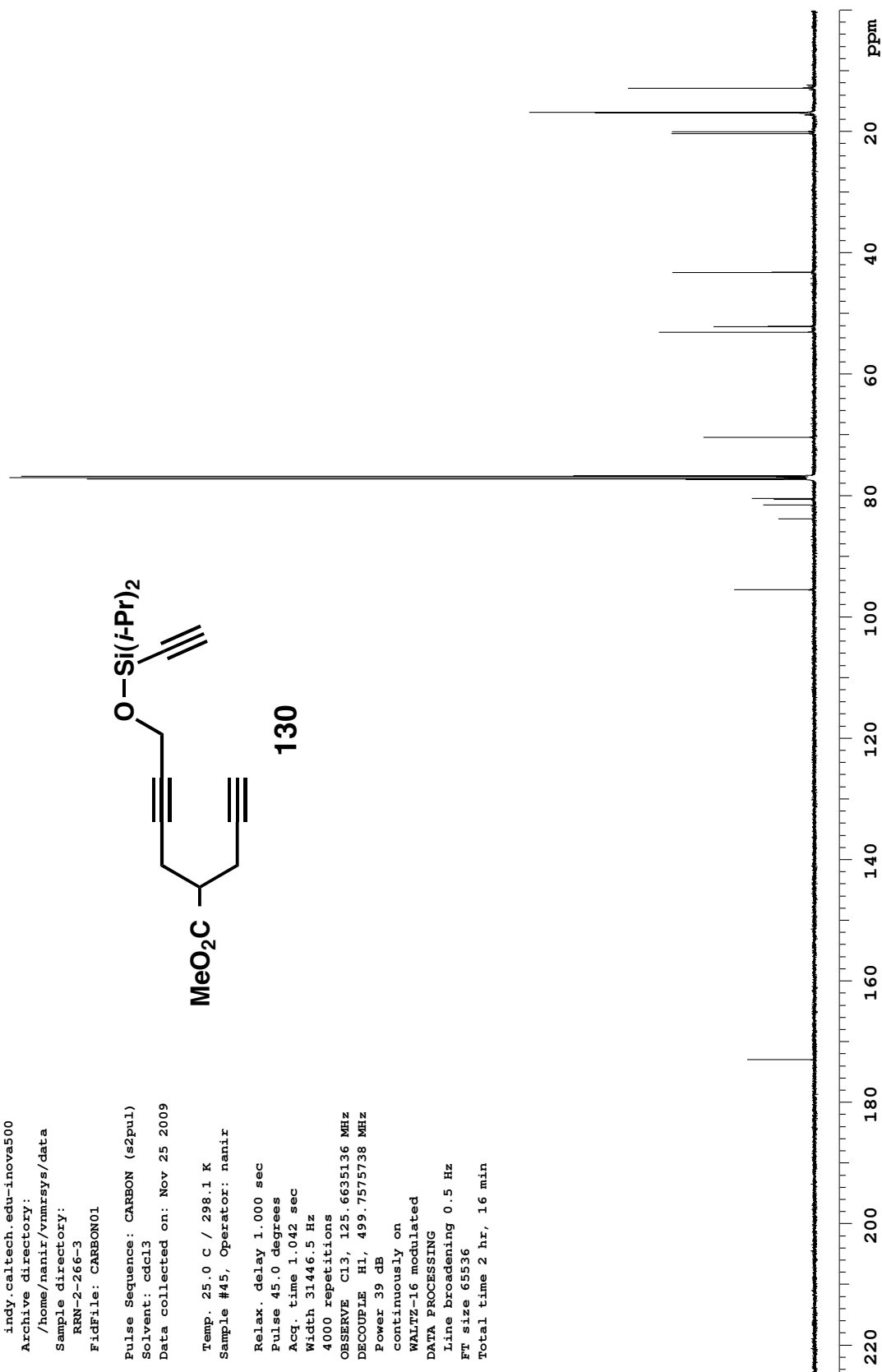
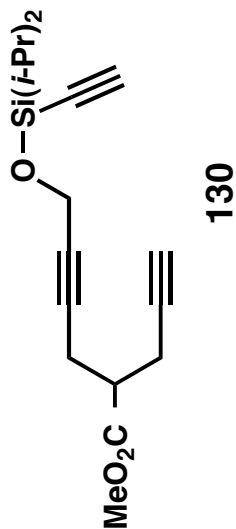
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DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 2 hr, 16 min



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Data Collected on:

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Archive directory:

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Sample directory:

RRN-2-269-201

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 28 2009

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Sample #45, Operator: nanir

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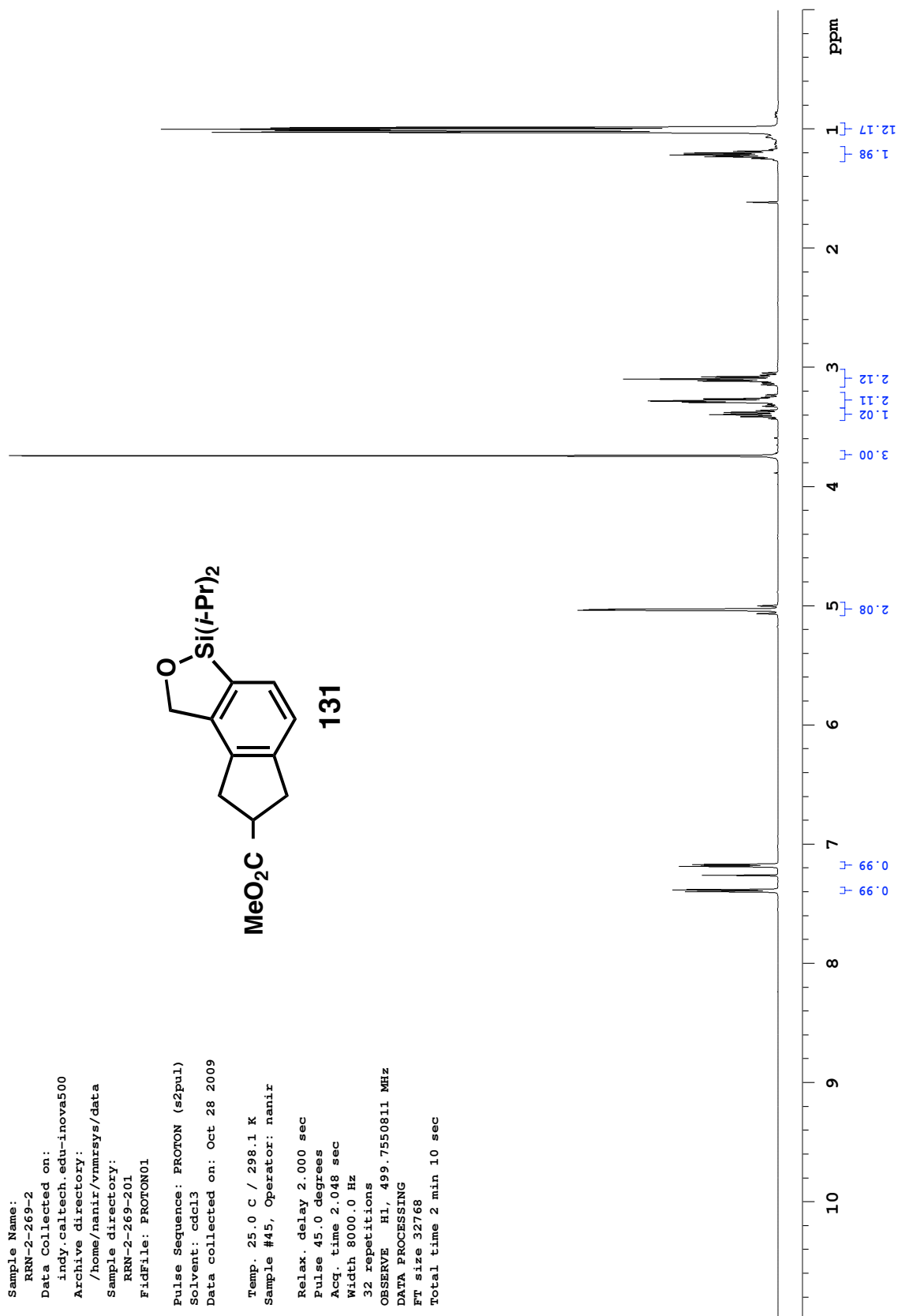
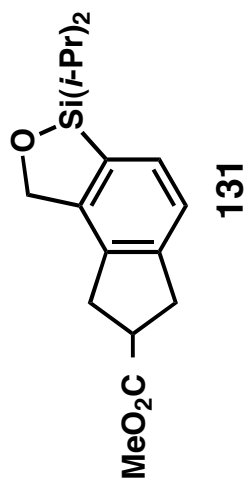
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OBSERVE H1, 499.7550811 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Ft size 32768

Total time 2 min 10 sec



RRN-2-269-2

Sample Name:

RRN-2-269-2

Data Collected on:

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Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

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FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 28 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1500 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635136 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

Continuously on

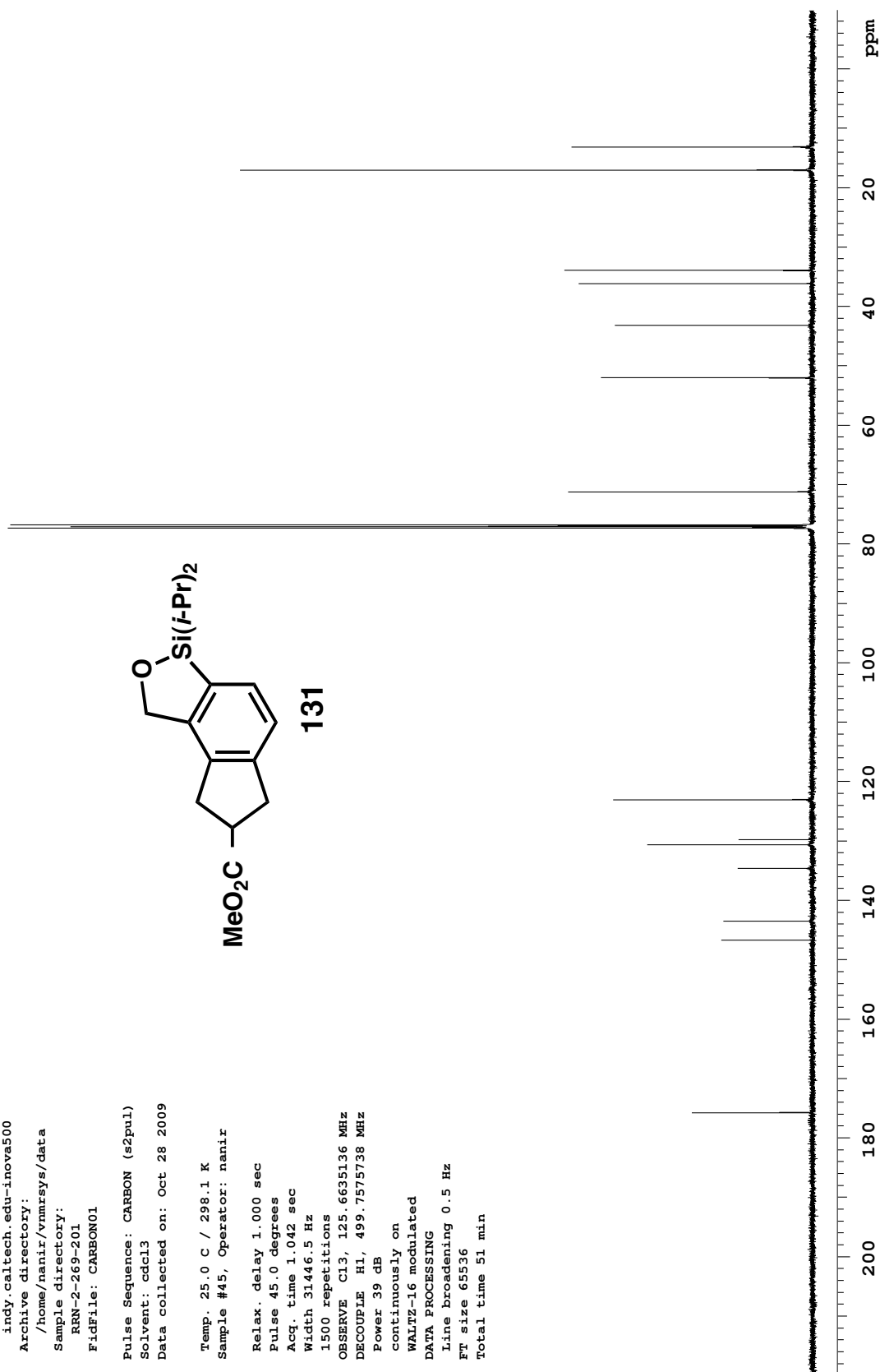
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DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz

Ft size 65536

Total time 51 min



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Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Operator: slevin

File: RRN-2-272-6

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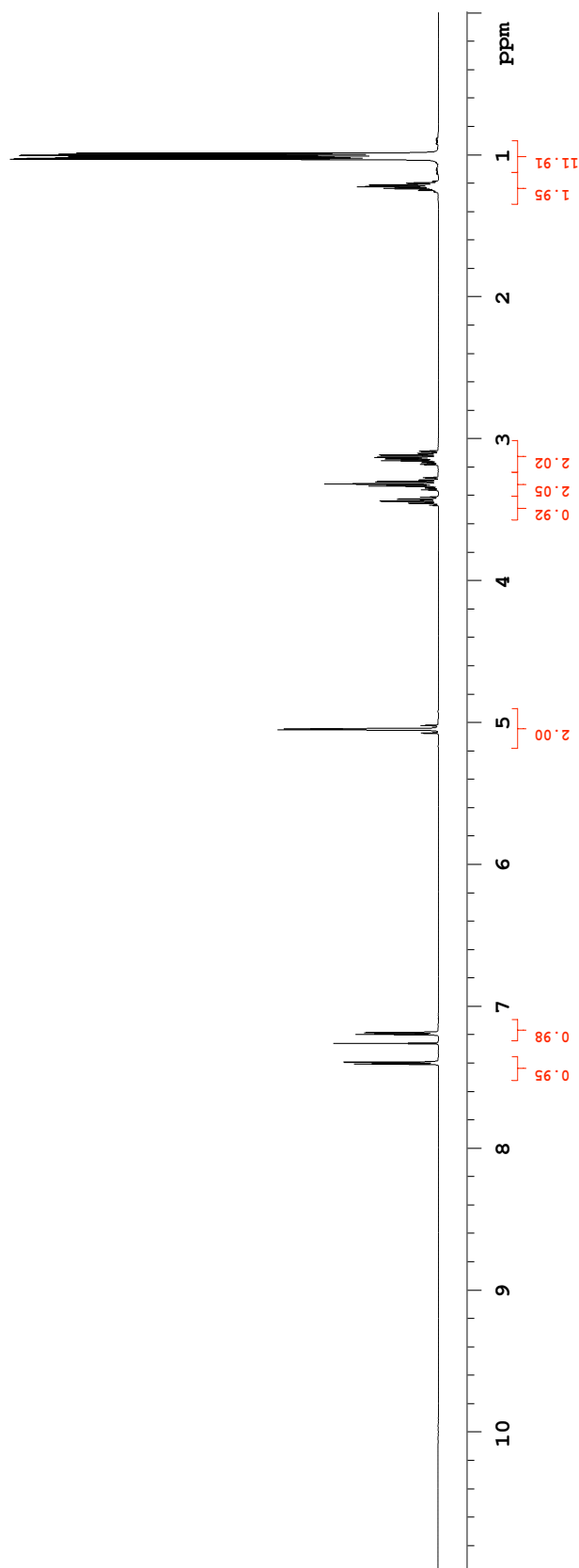
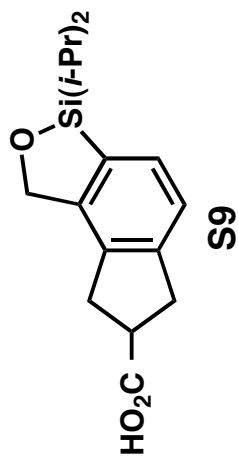
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DATA PROCESSING

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Ft size 65536

Total time 1 min, 13 sec



RRN-2-272-3

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RRN-2-272-3

Data Collected on:

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Archive directory:

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Sample directory:

RRN-2-272-3

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Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Nov 23 2009

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #1, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1000 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635166 MHZ

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHZ

Power 39 dB

continuously on

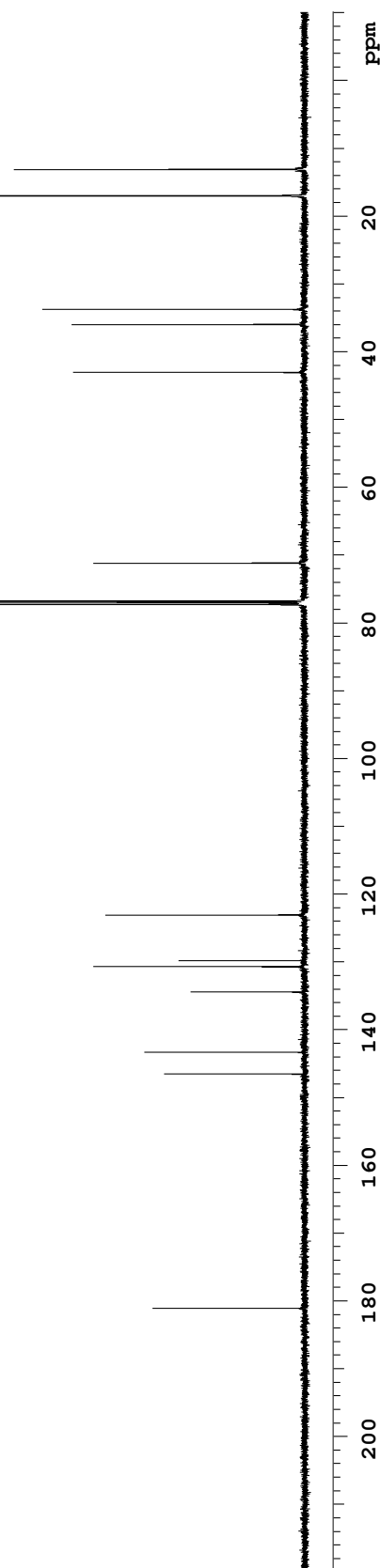
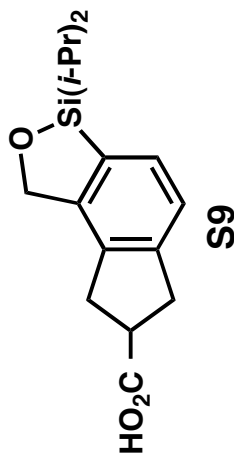
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DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 34 min



silyl diazo ketone

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Solvent: cdcl3

Temp: 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #1, Operator: nanir

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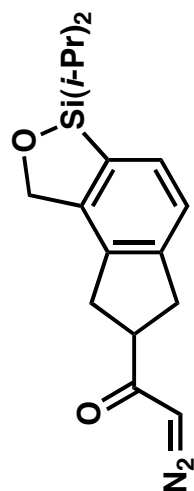
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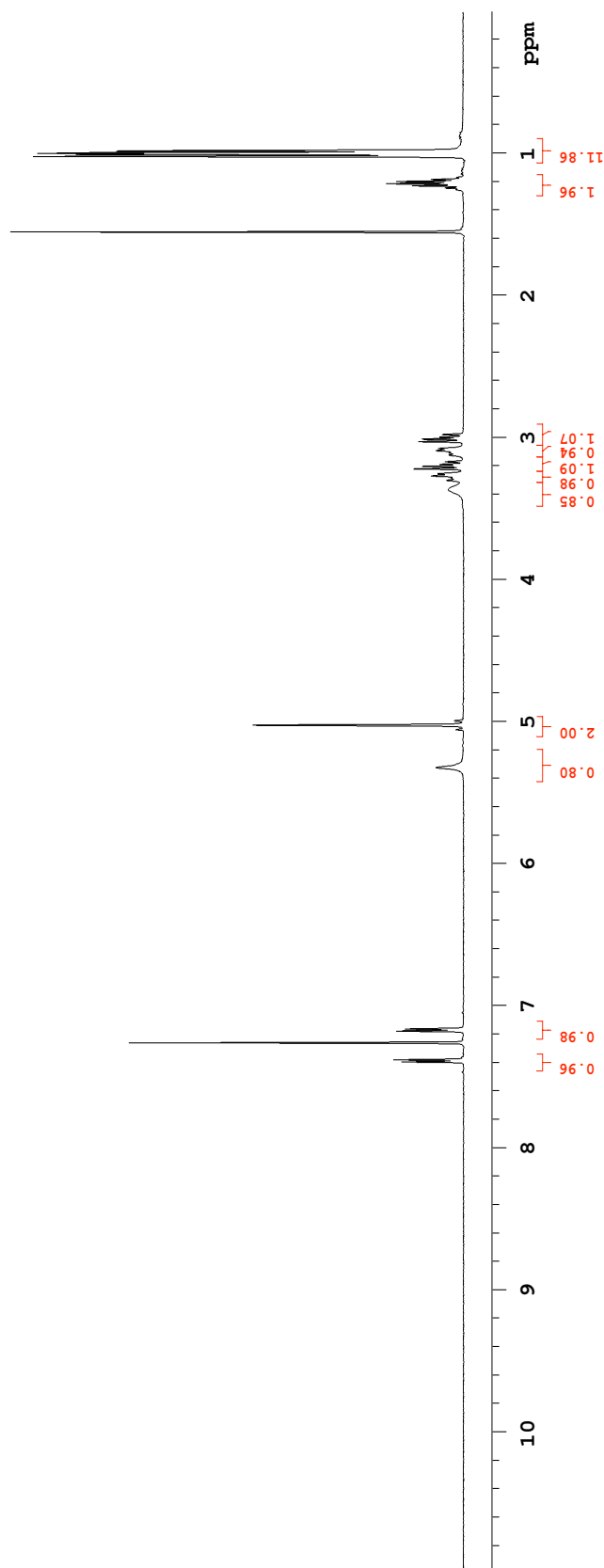
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Total time 2 min, 10 sec



S10



silyl diazo ketone

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Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #1, Operator: nanir

File: CARBON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1500 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635136 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

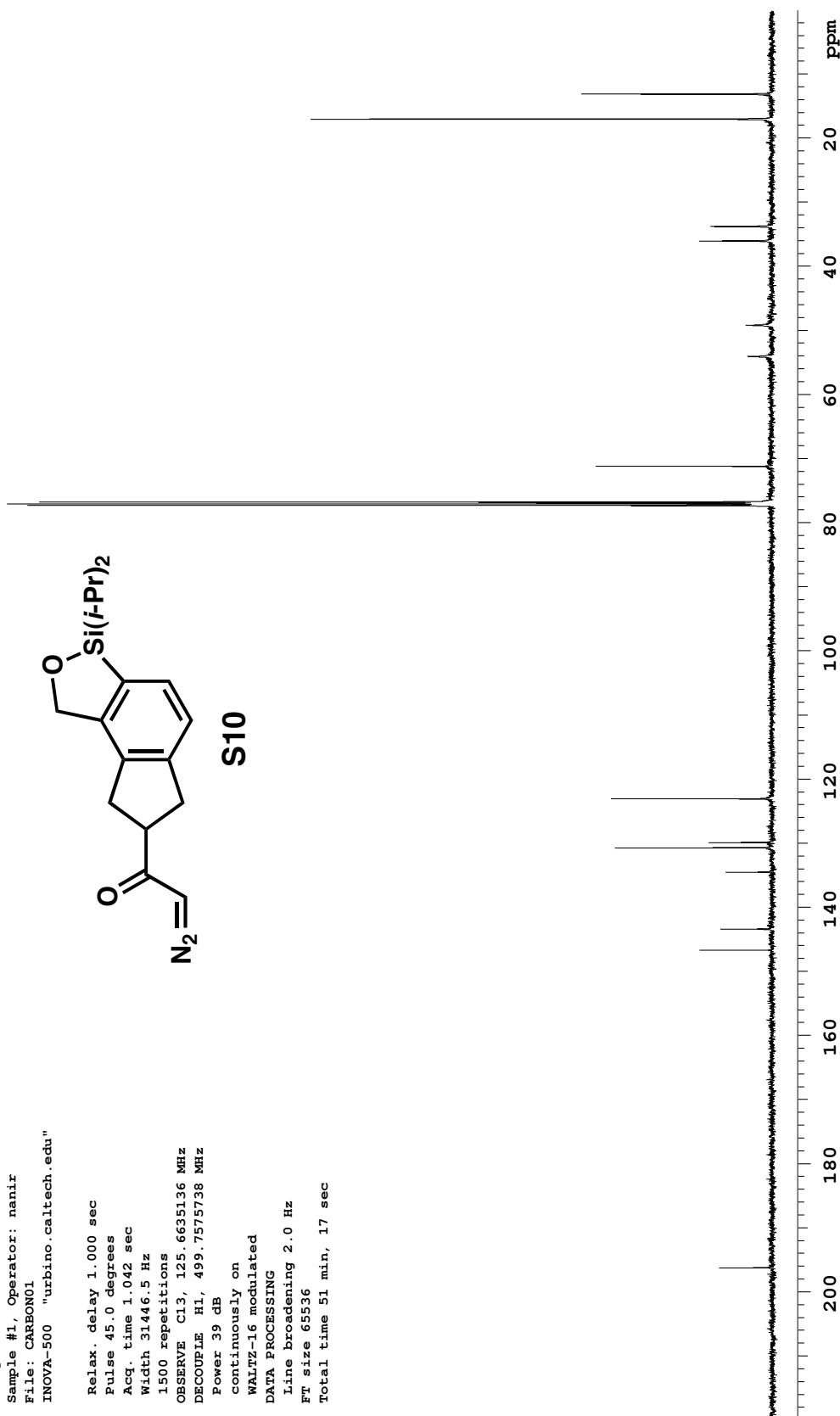
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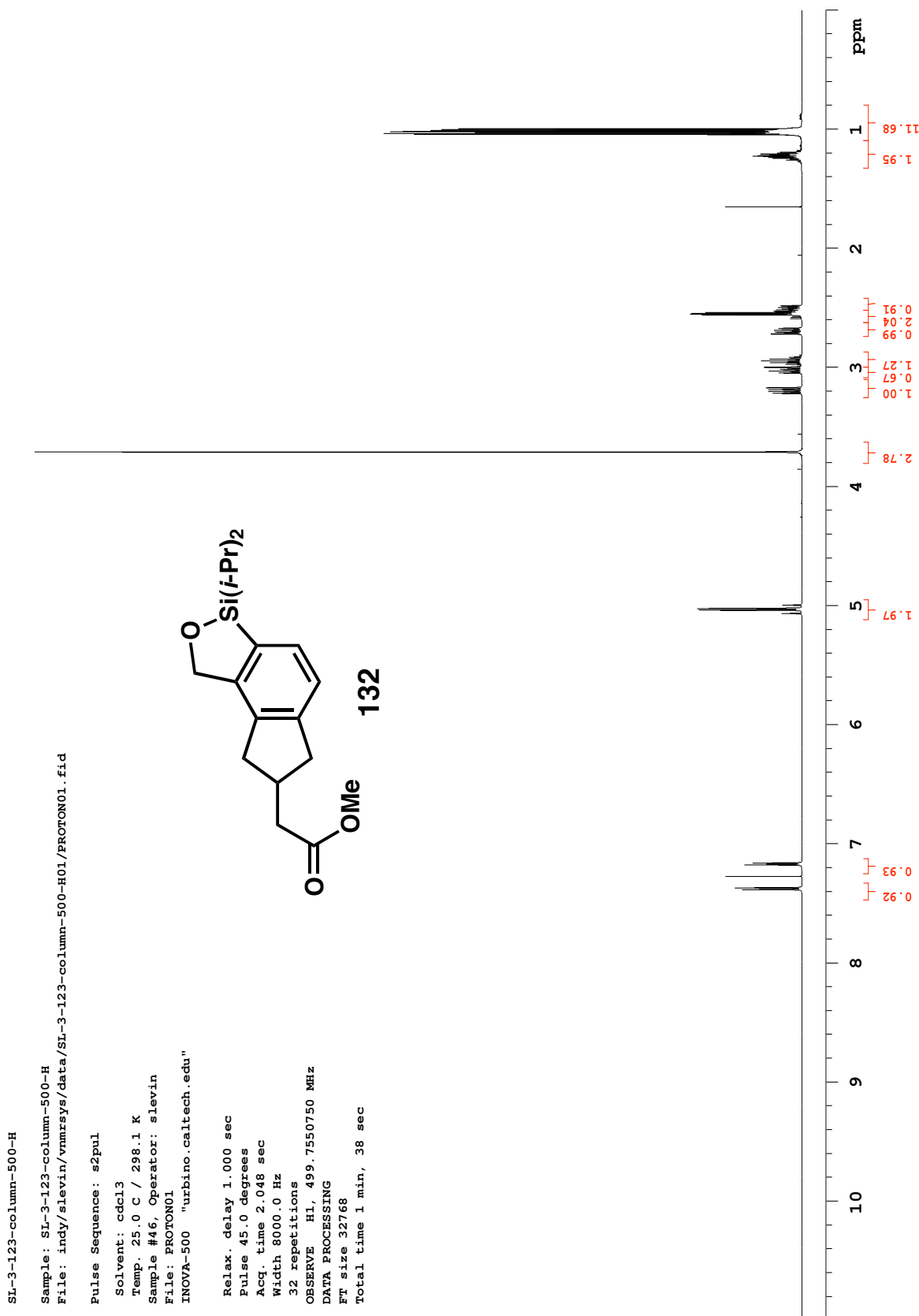
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FT size 65536

Total time 51 min, 17 sec





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Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

File: CARBON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1500 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635171 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

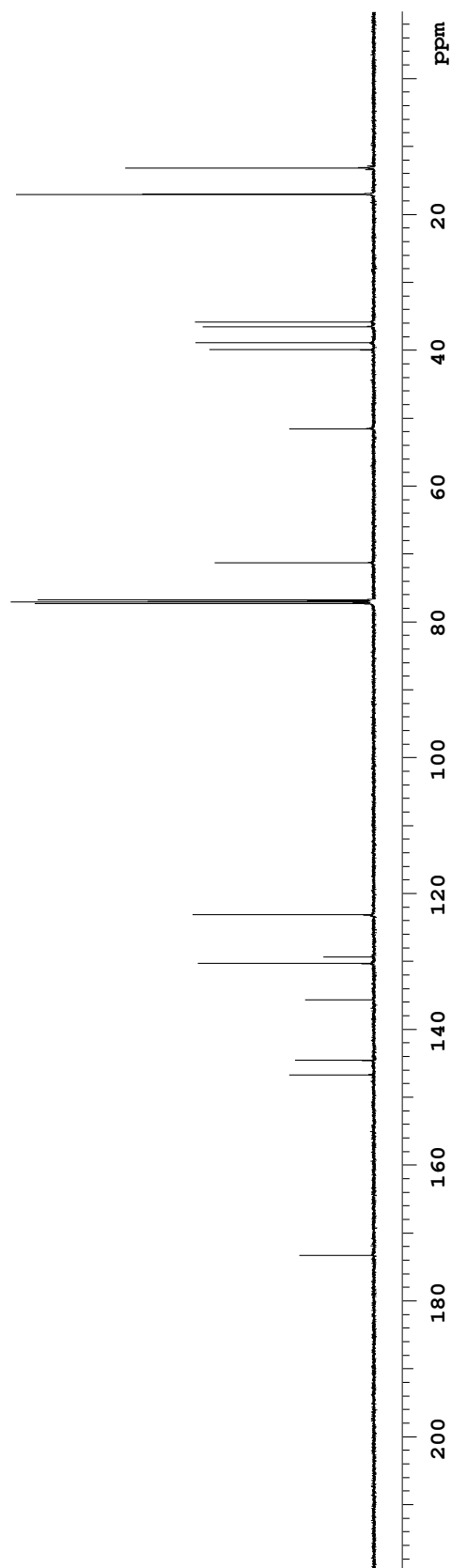
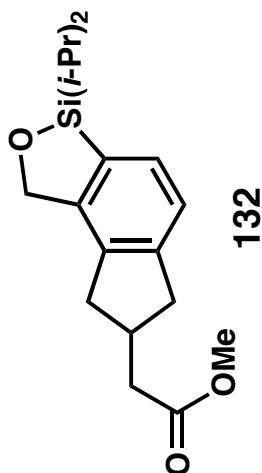
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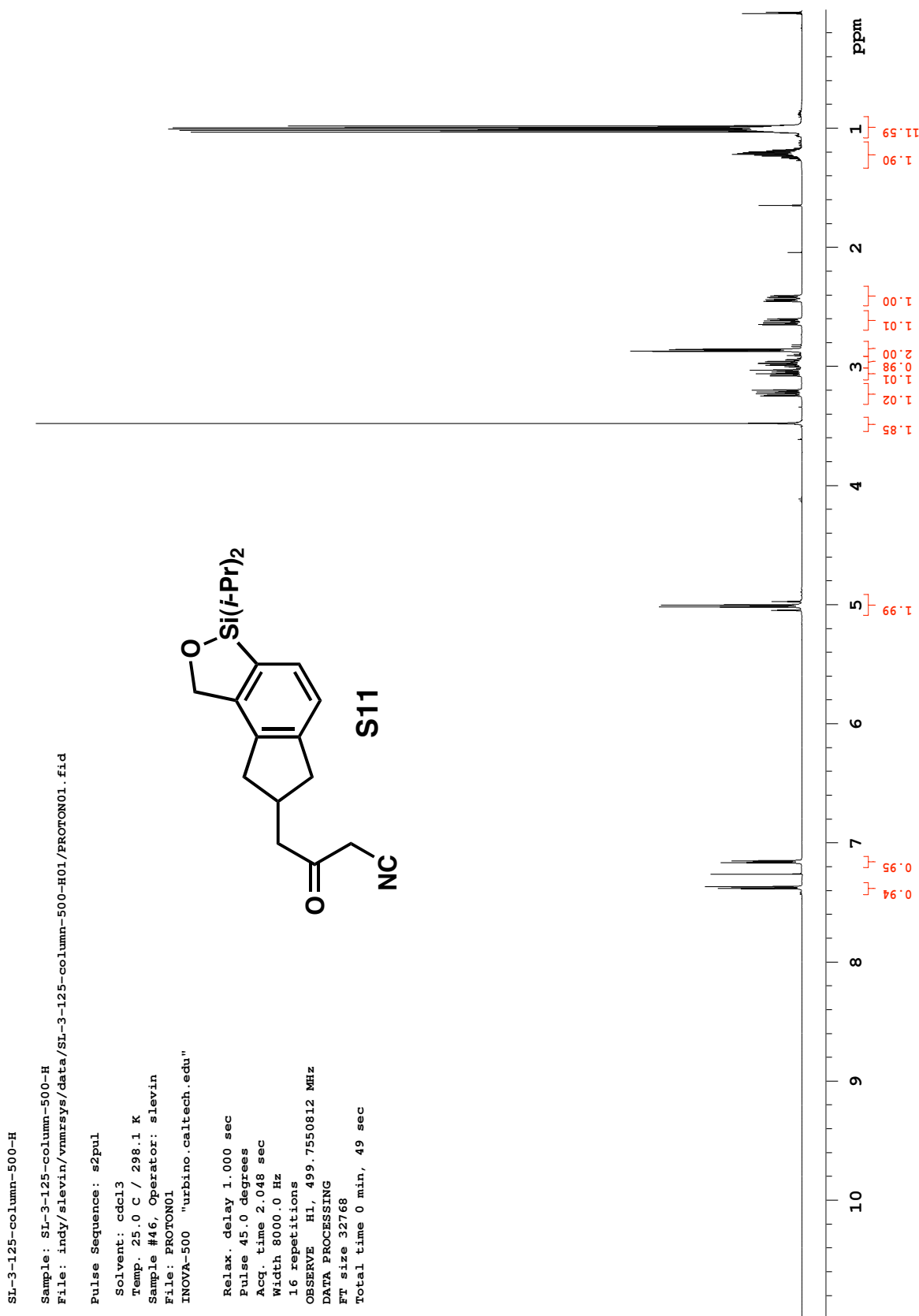
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Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

File: CARBON01

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Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1250 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635196 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

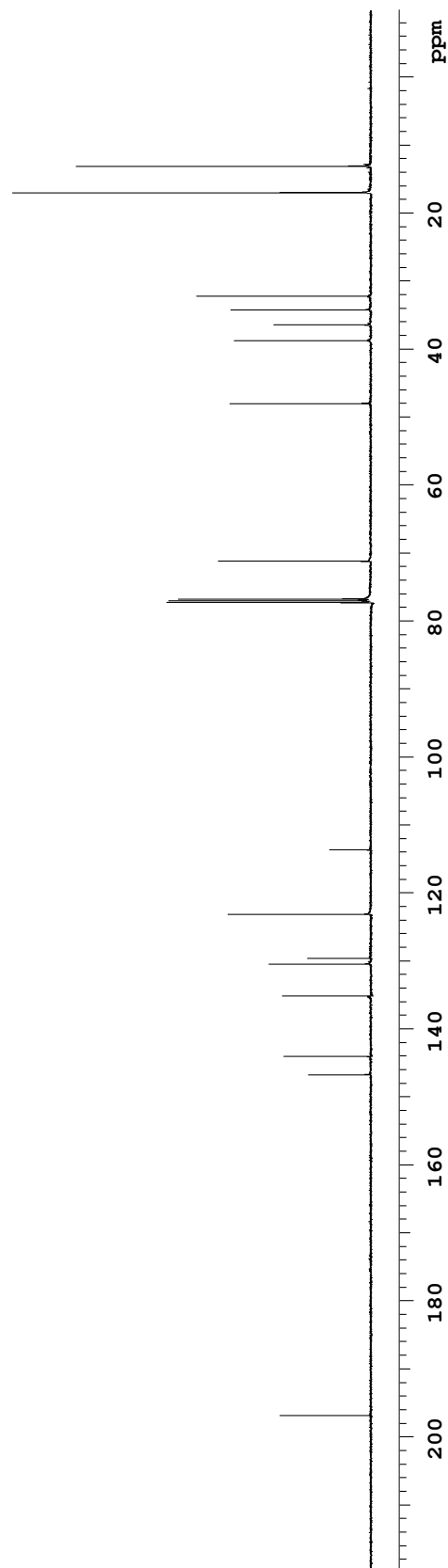
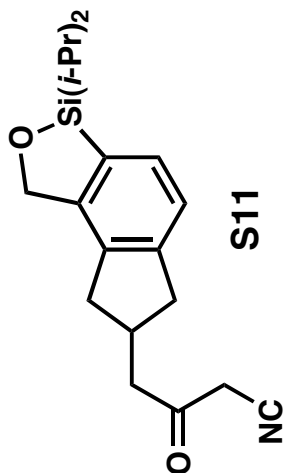
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Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

File: PROTON01

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Relax. delay 1.000 sec

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Acq. time 2.048 sec

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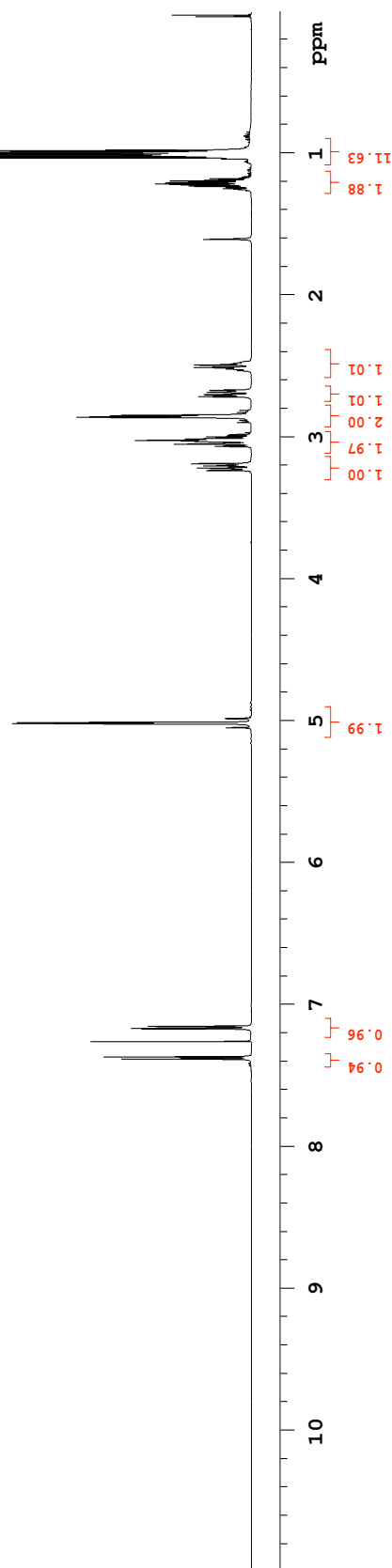
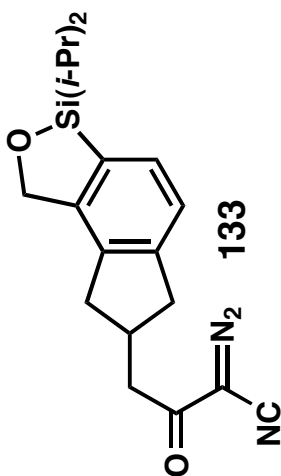
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DATA PROCESSING

FT size 32768

Total time 1 min, 38 sec



SL-3-129-column-500-H

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File: indy/slevin/vnmrsys/data/SL-3-129-column-500-H/CARBON01.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

File: CARBON01

INOVA-500 "urbino.caltech.edu"

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1500 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6635136 MHZ

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7575738 MHZ

Power 39 dB

continuously on

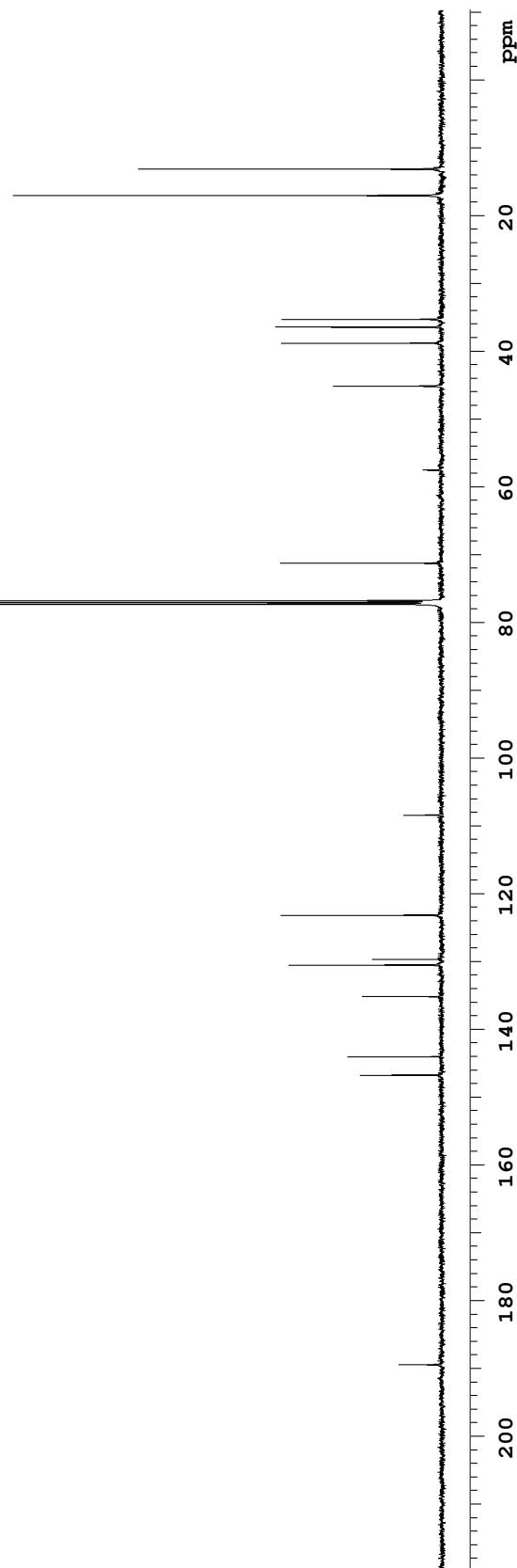
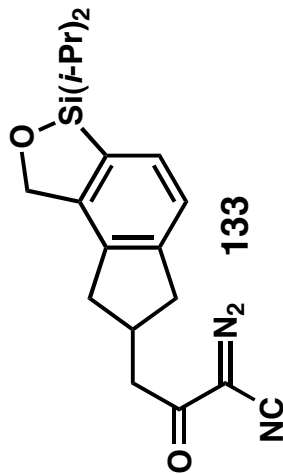
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DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 2.0 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 51 min, 17 sec



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File: indy/slevin/vnmrsys/data/SL-3-177-column-500-H/PROTON02.fid

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

File: PROTON02

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Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.048 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

128 repetitions

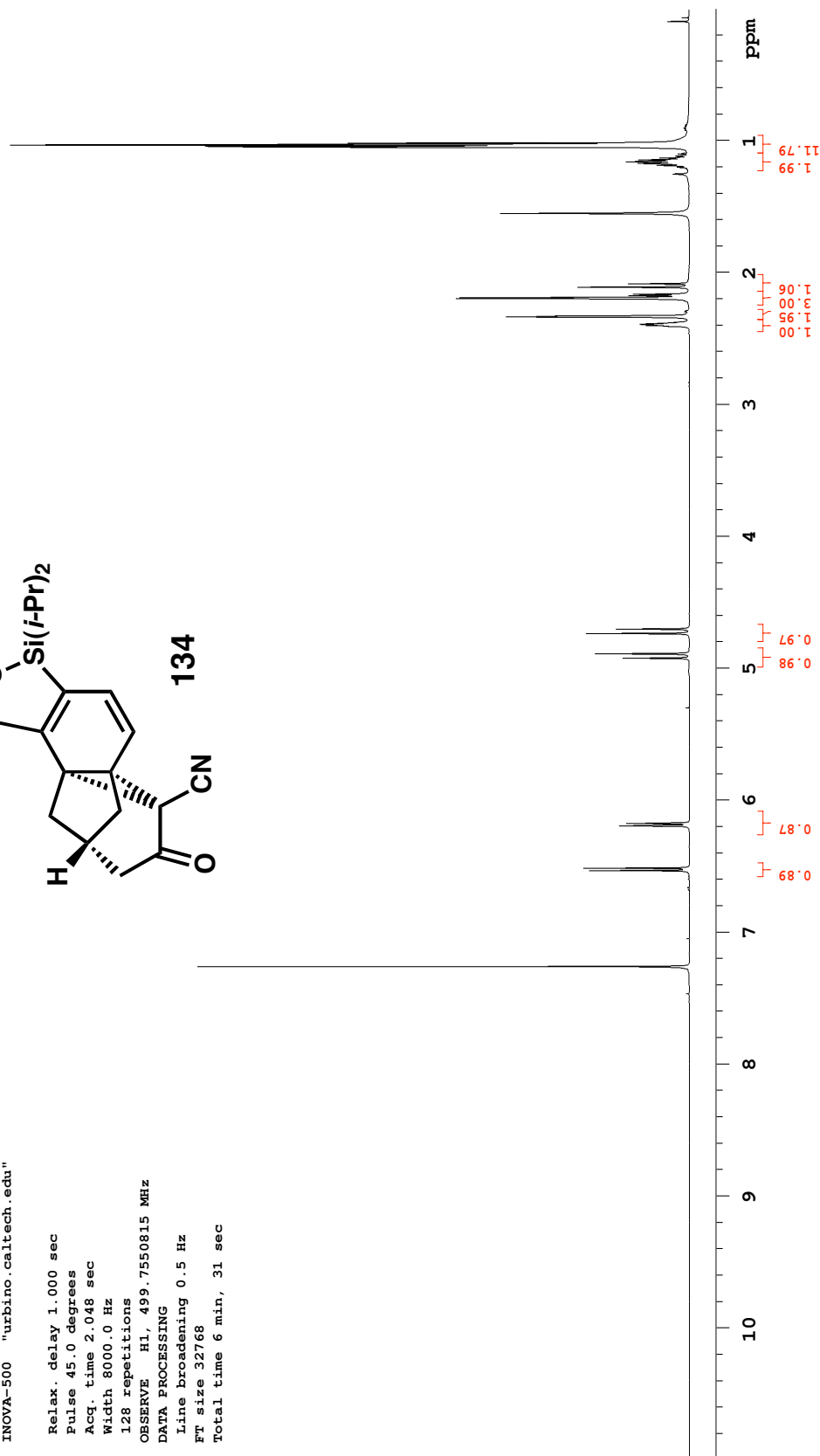
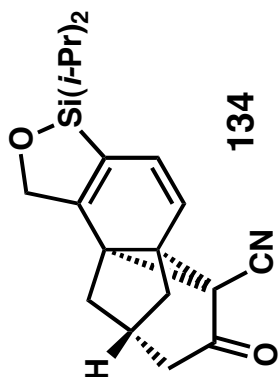
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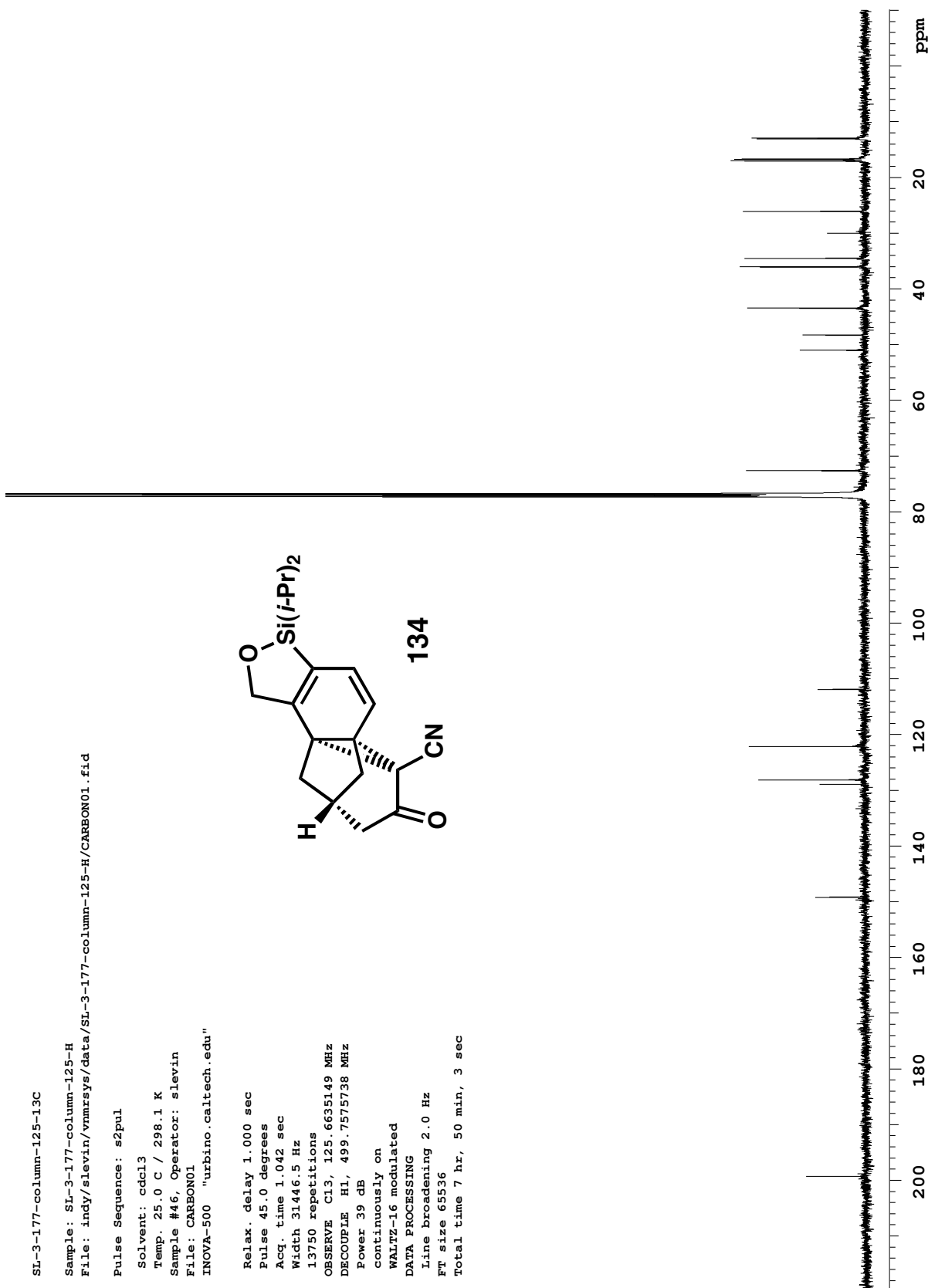
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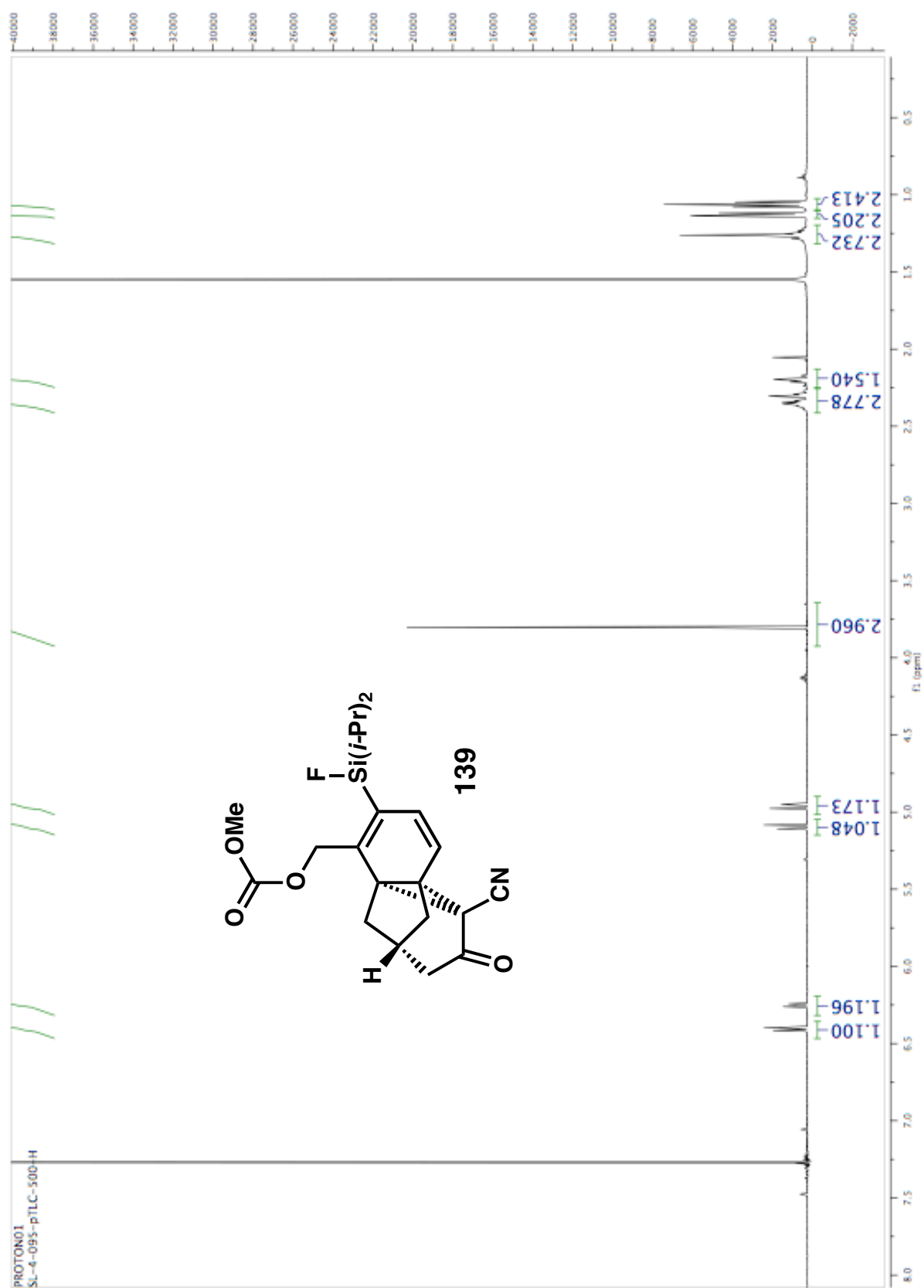
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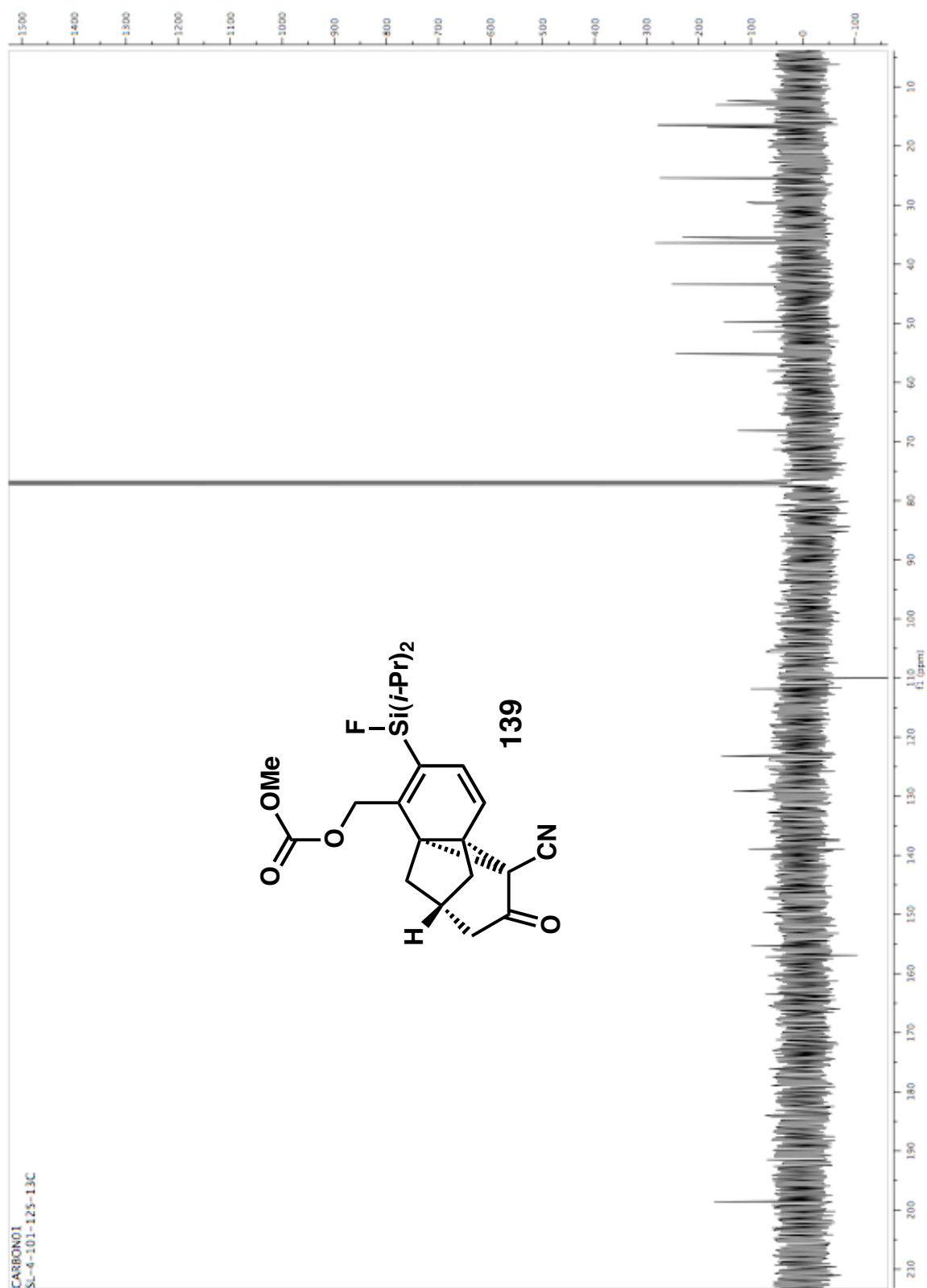
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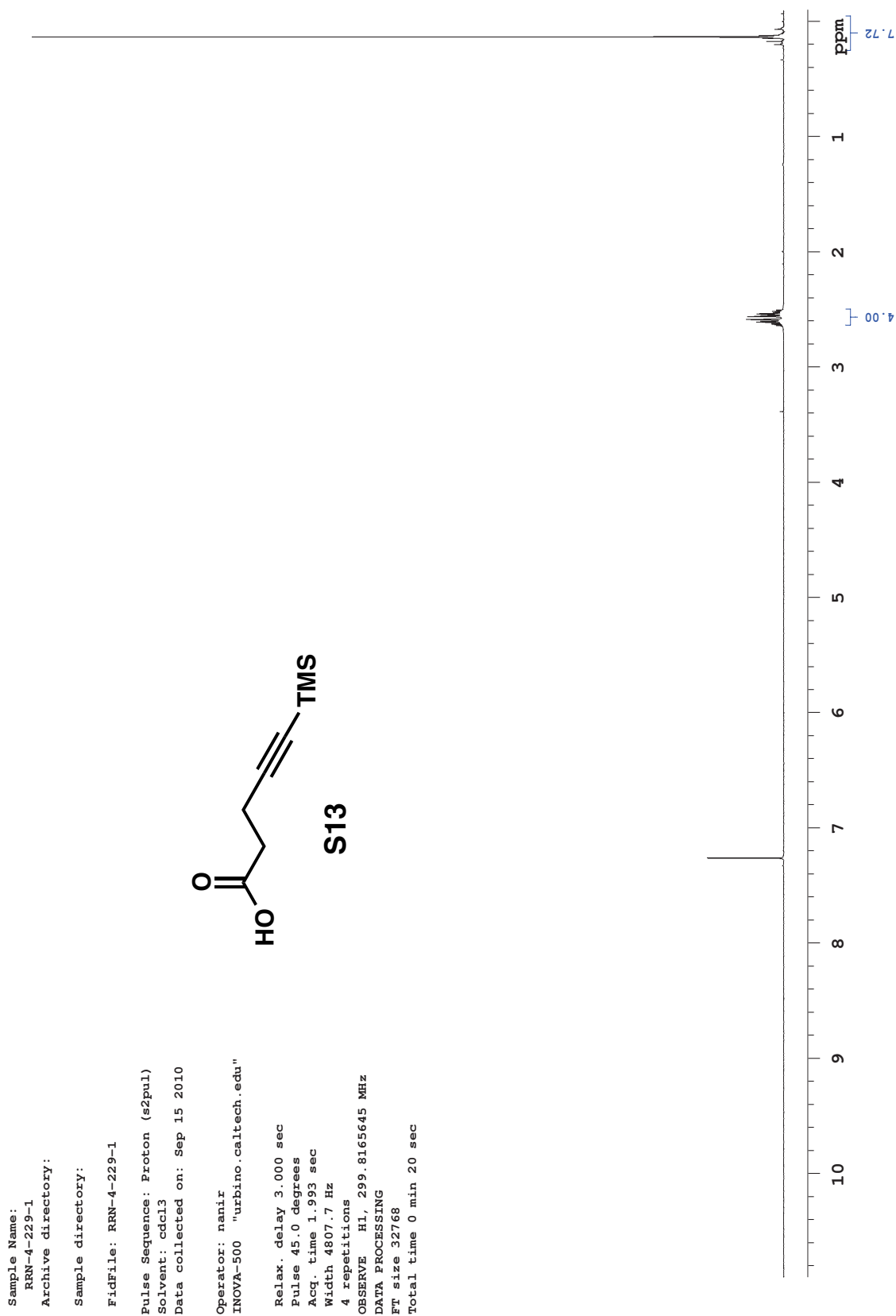
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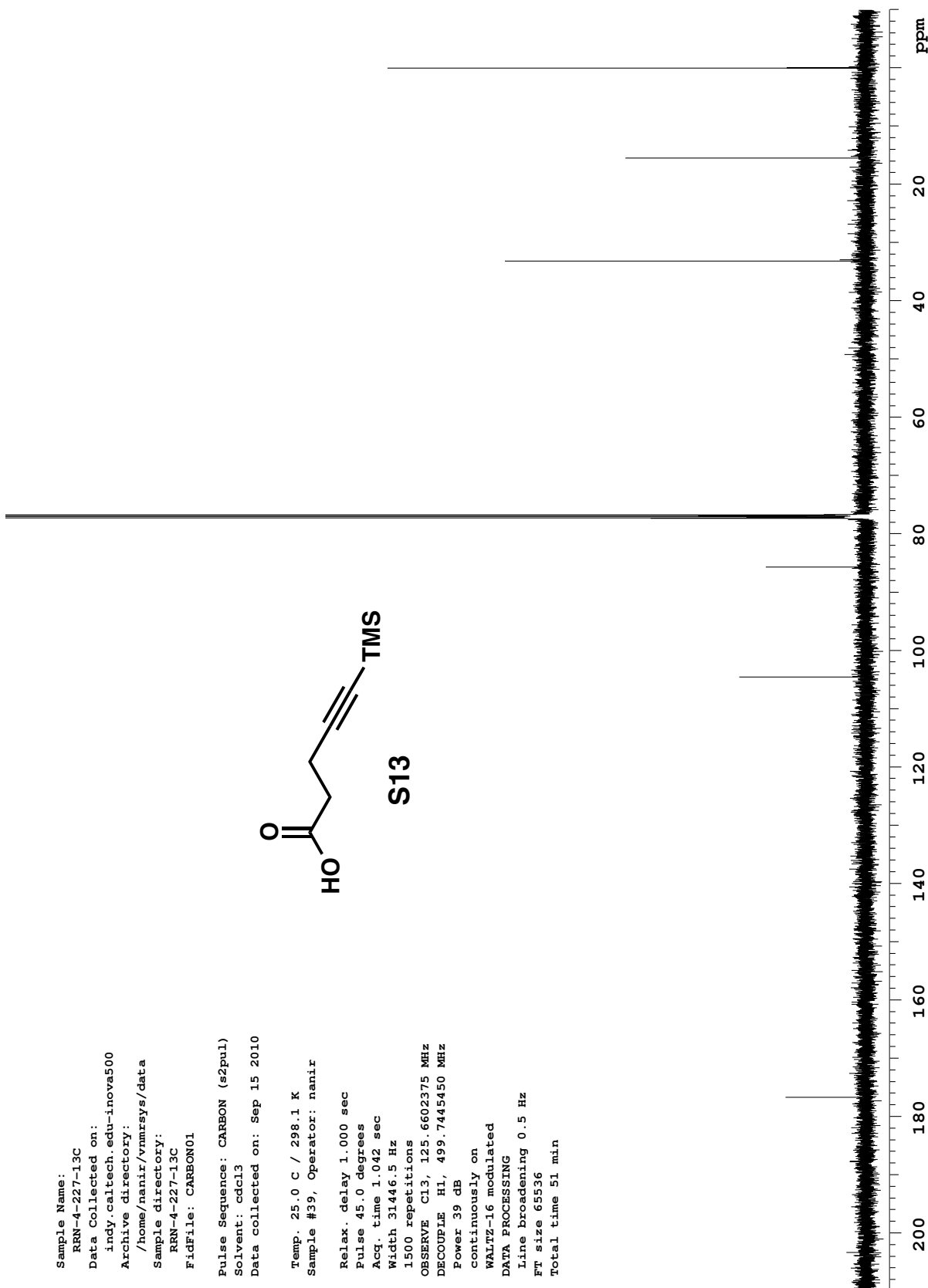




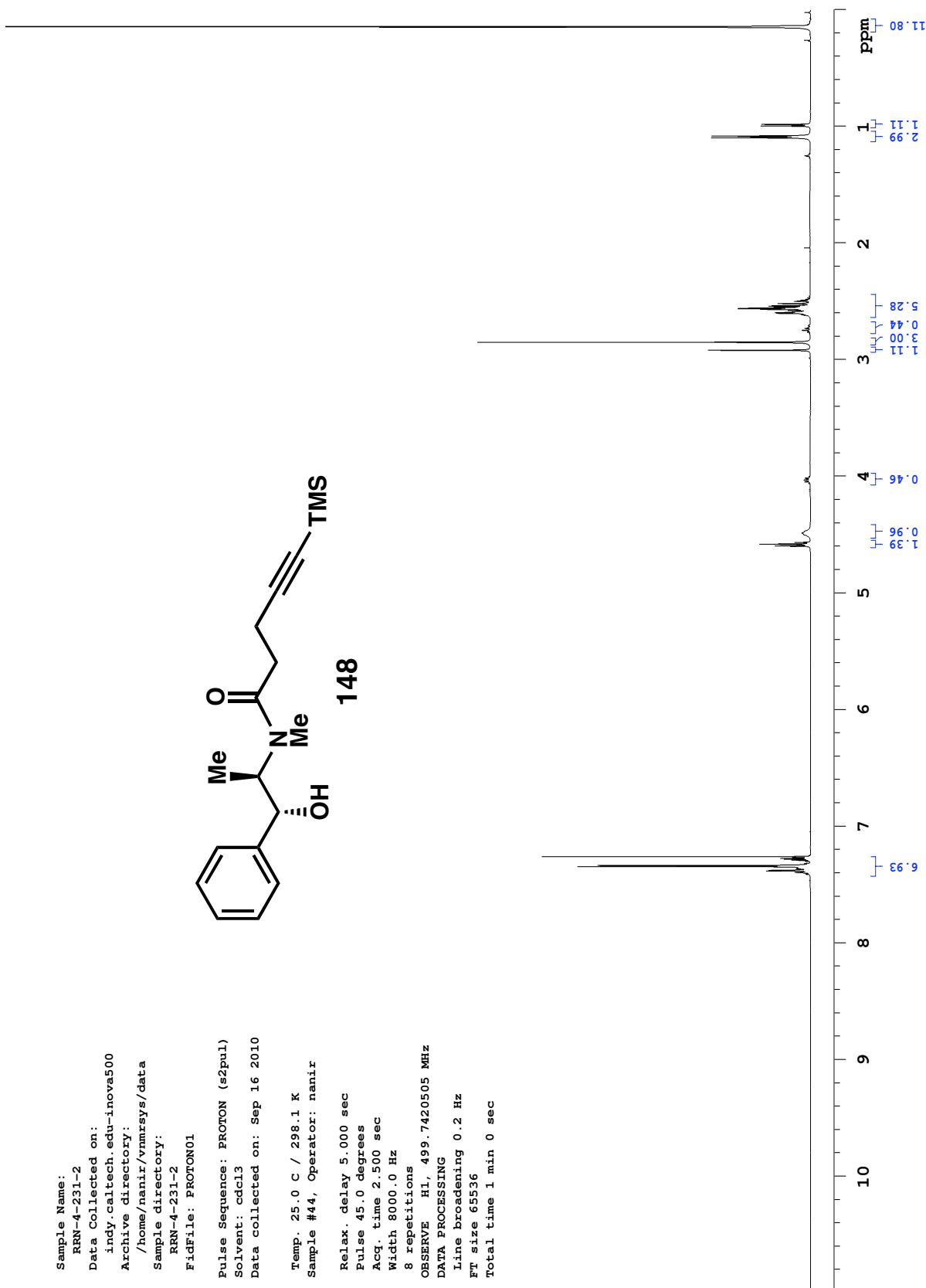
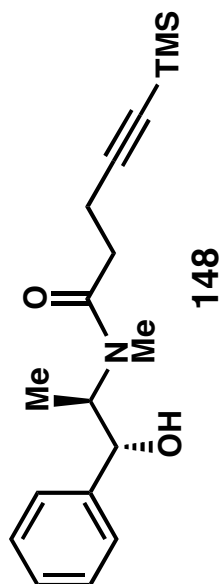


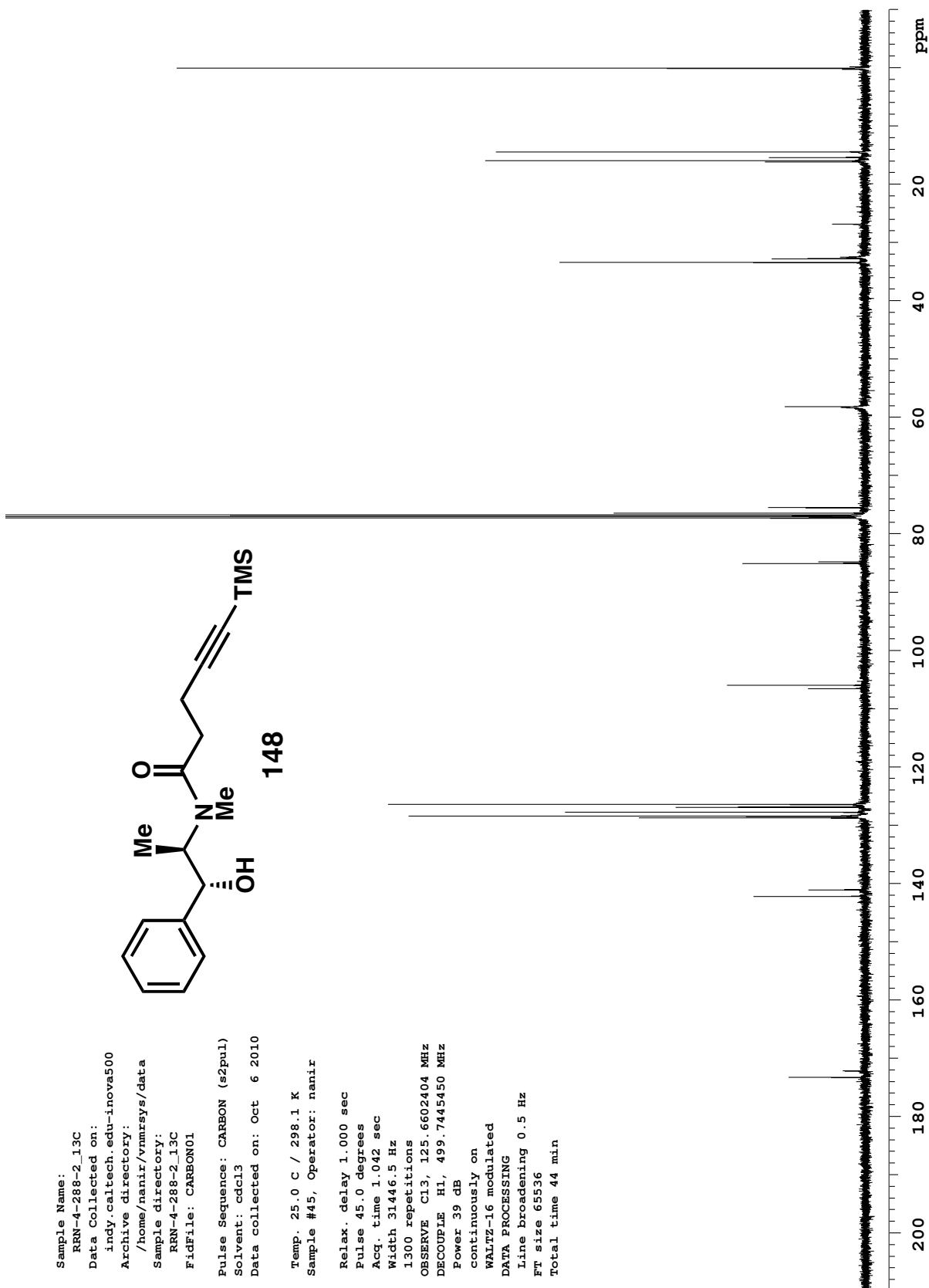


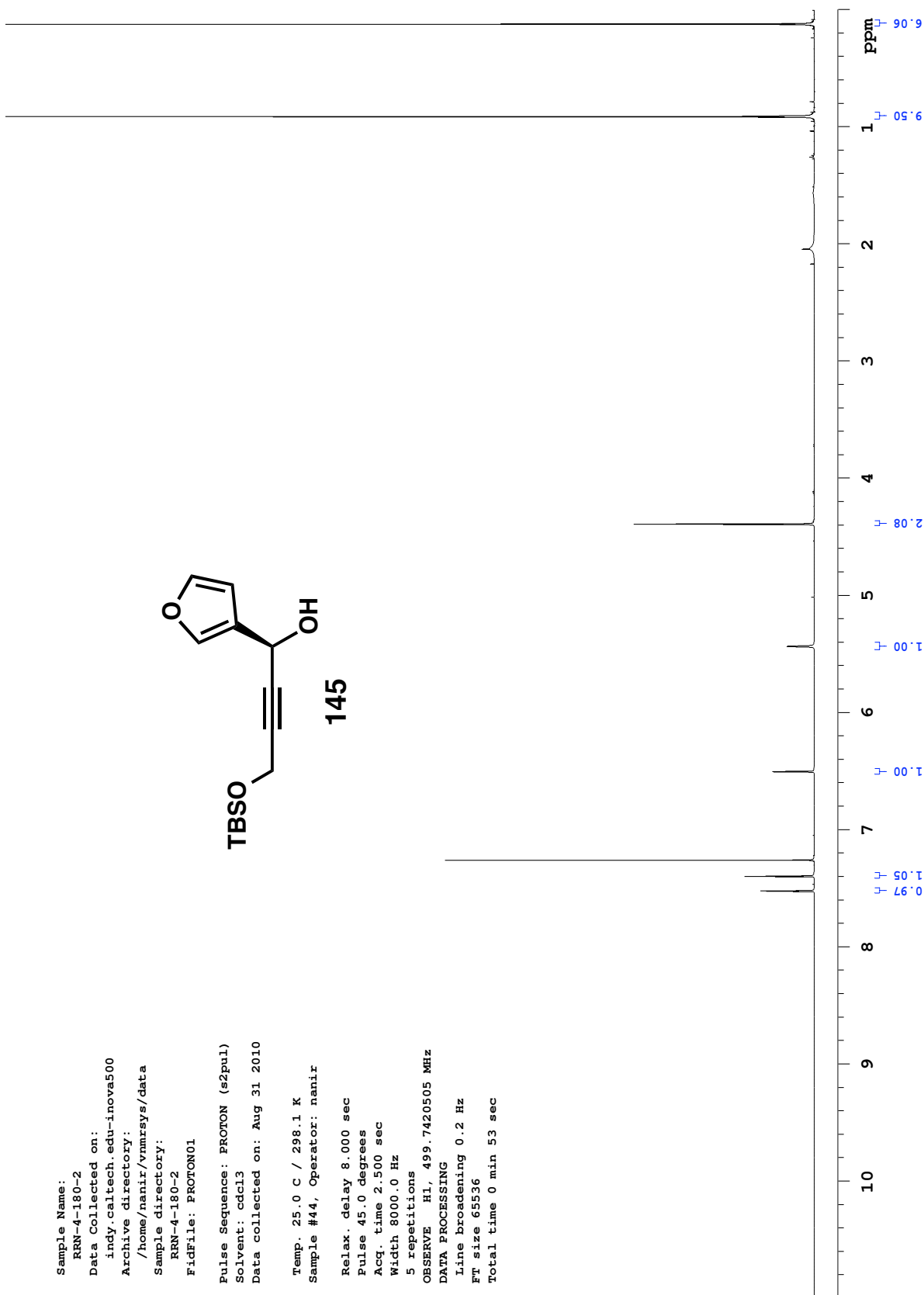


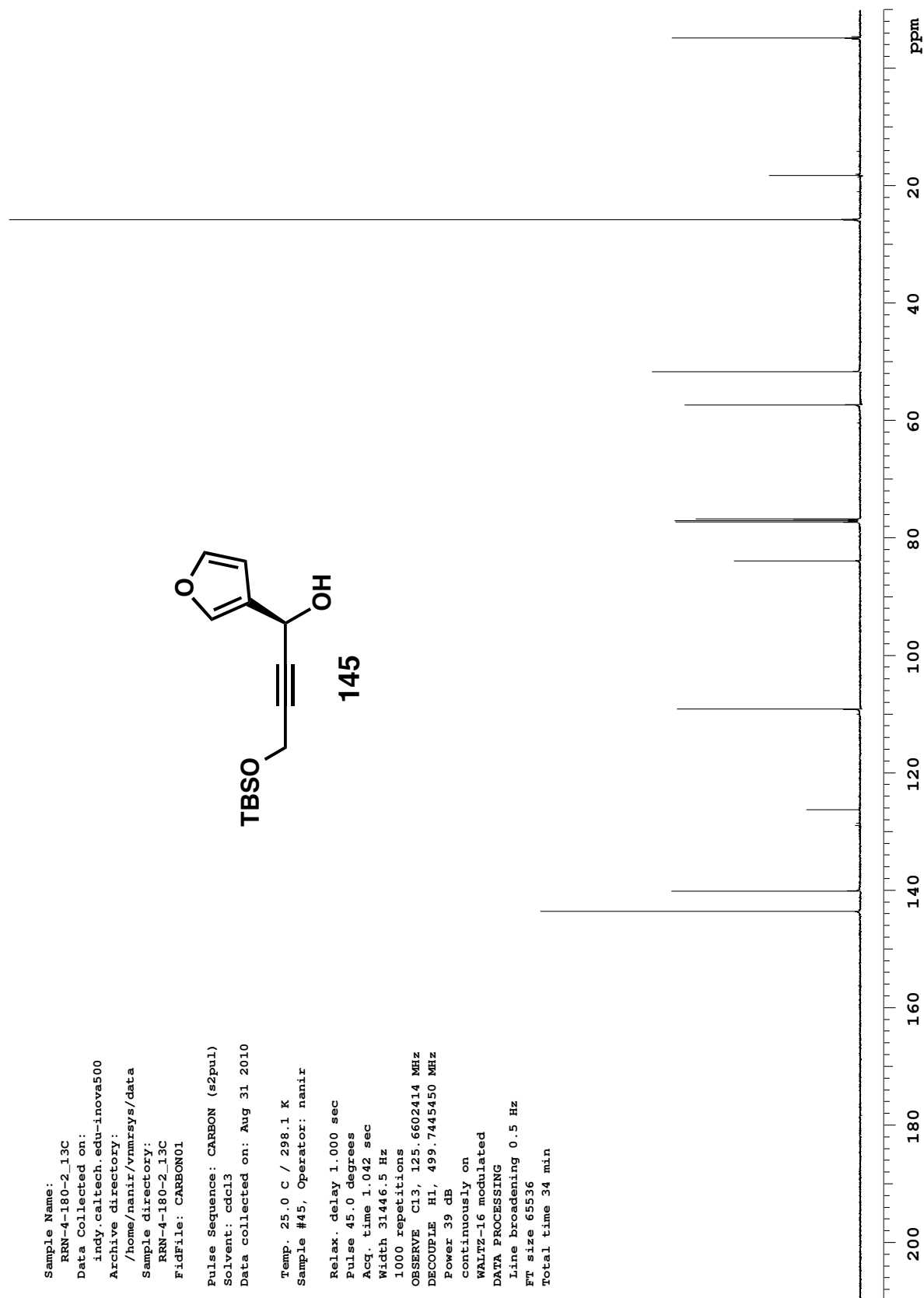


Sample Name:
RRN-4-231-2
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vnmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-4-231-2
FidFile: PROTON01
Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Sep 16 2010
Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
Sample #44, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 5.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
8 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7420505 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 1 min 0 sec

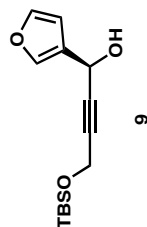
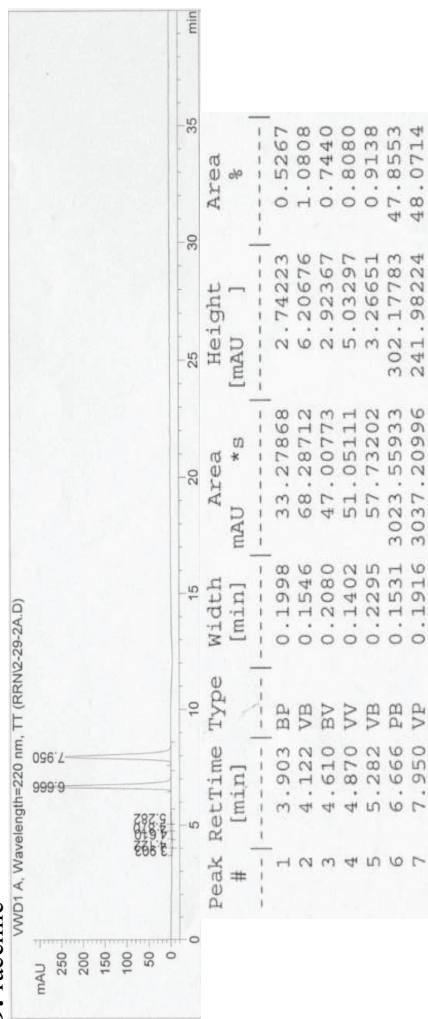
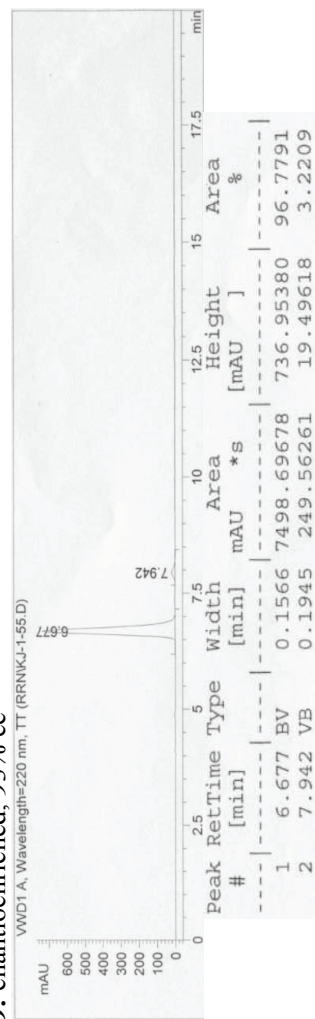


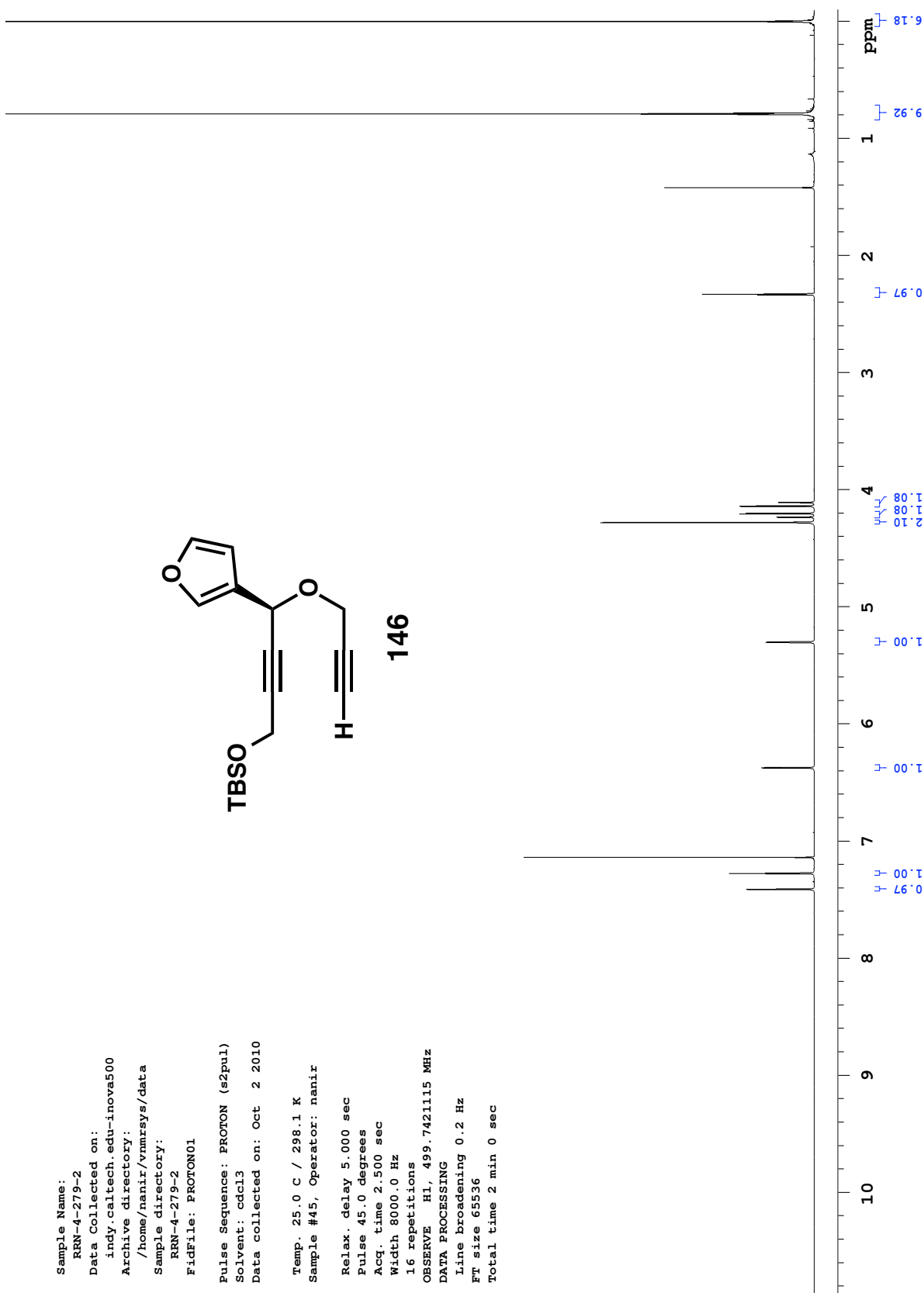


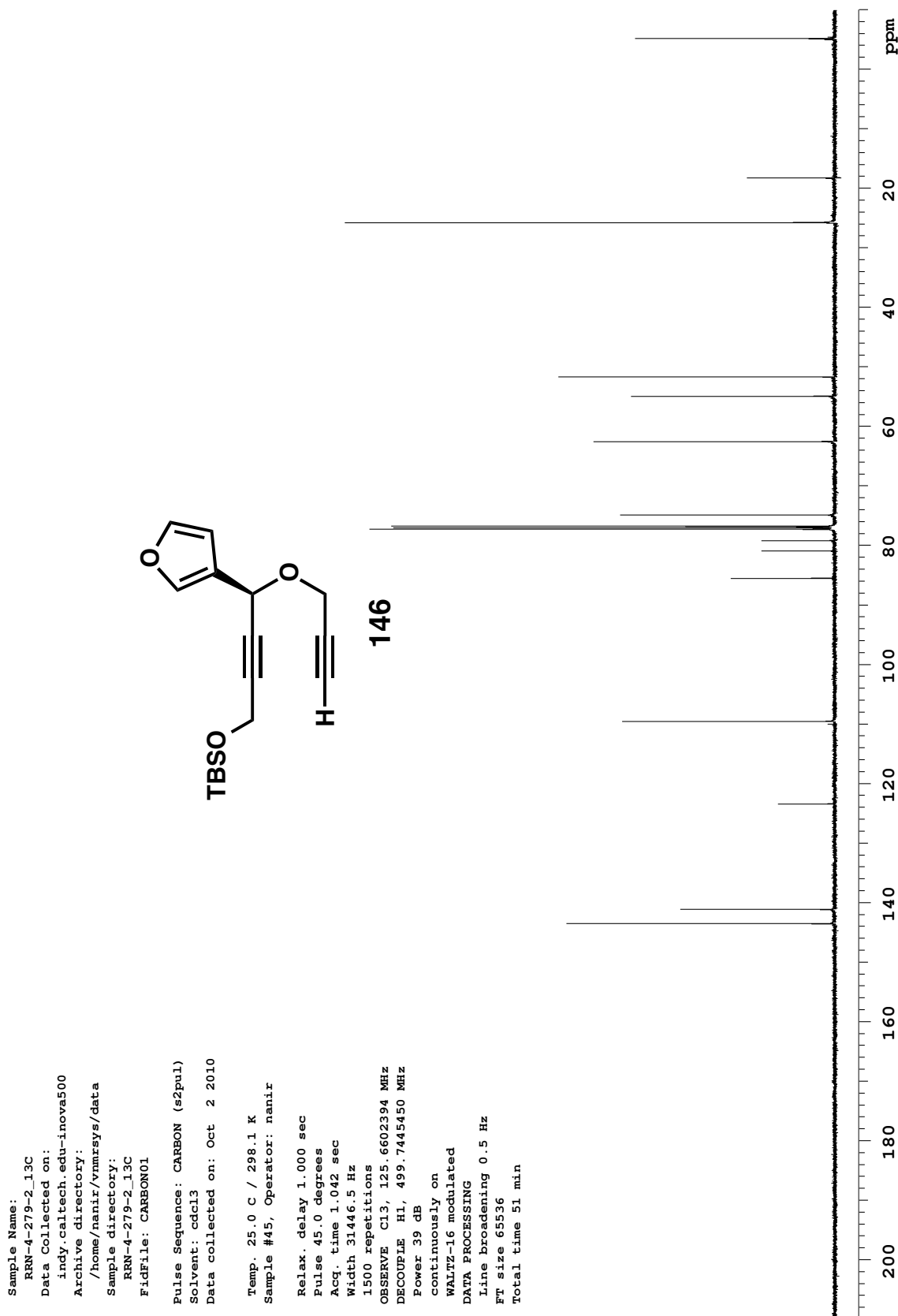


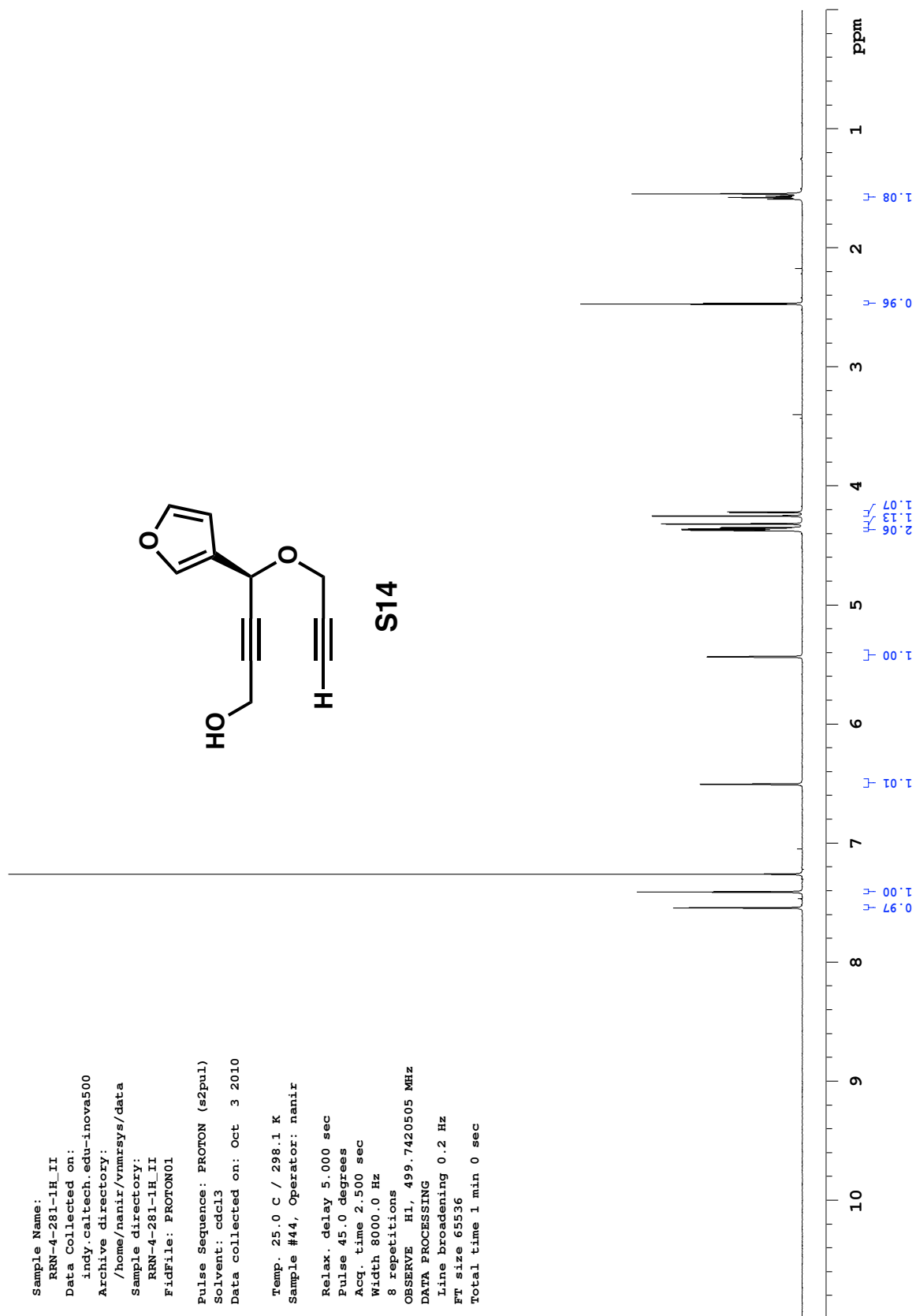


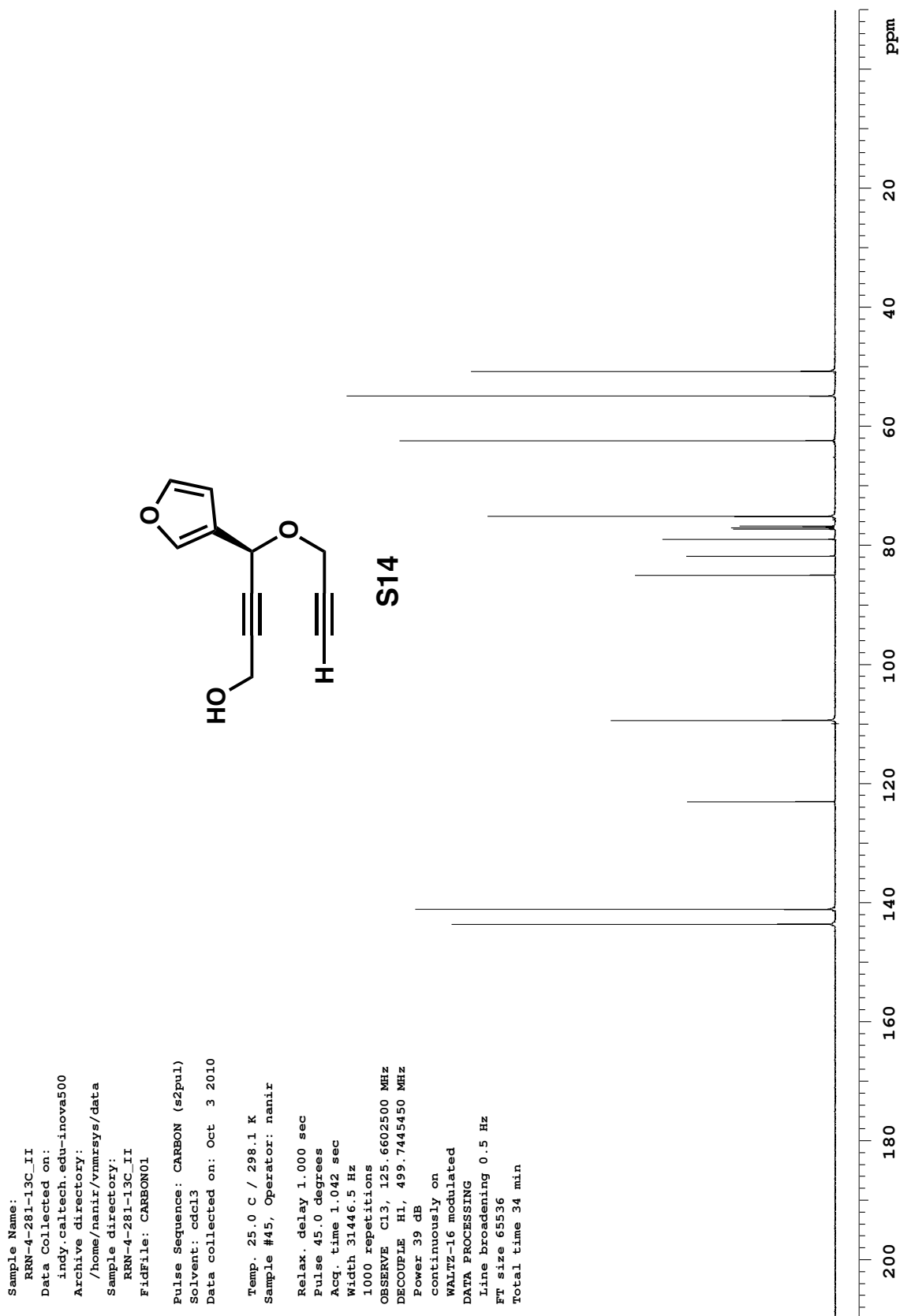
Chromatograms of racemic and enantiomerically enriched propargyl alcohol 9

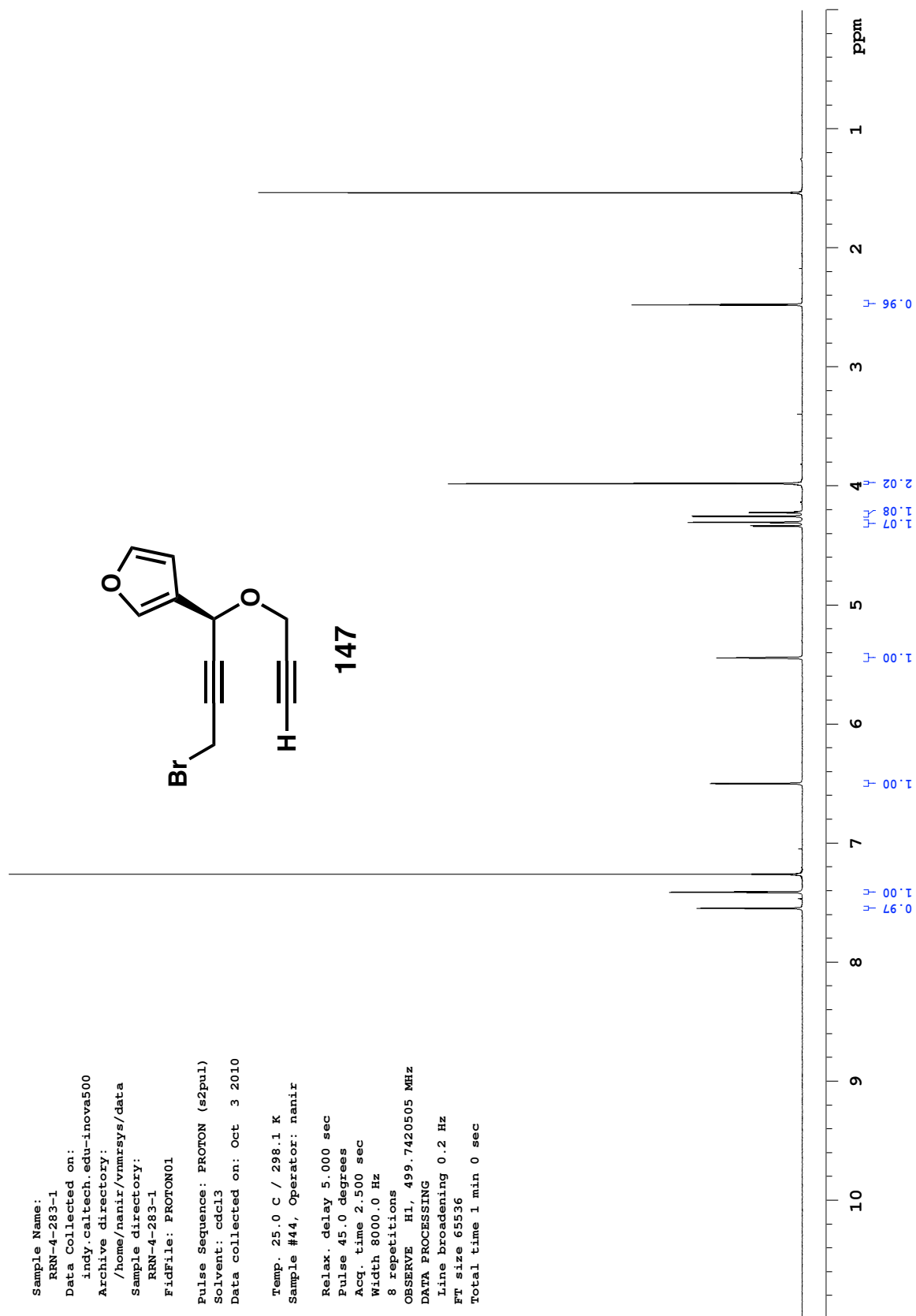
**9: racemic****9: enantioenriched, 93% ee**

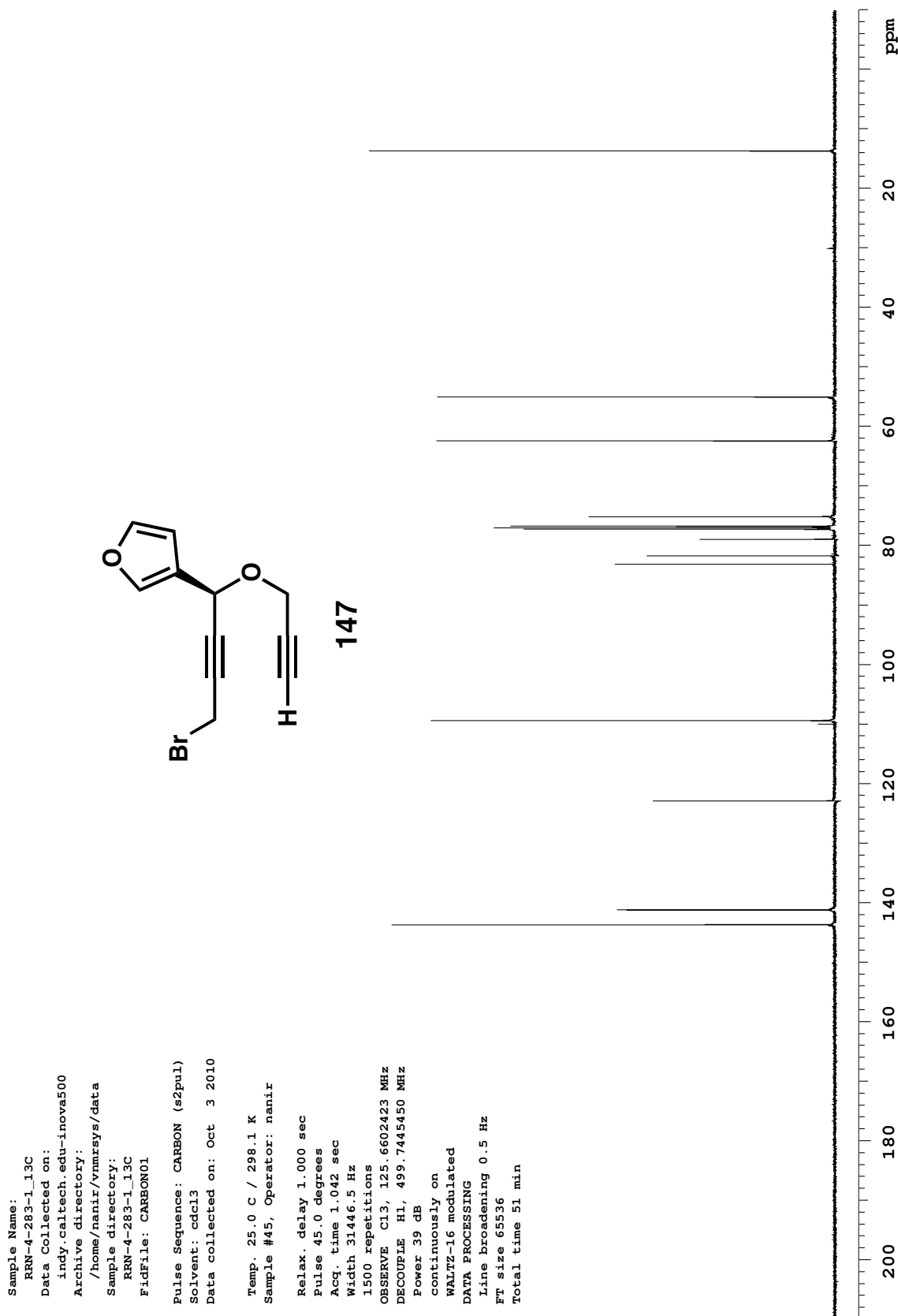


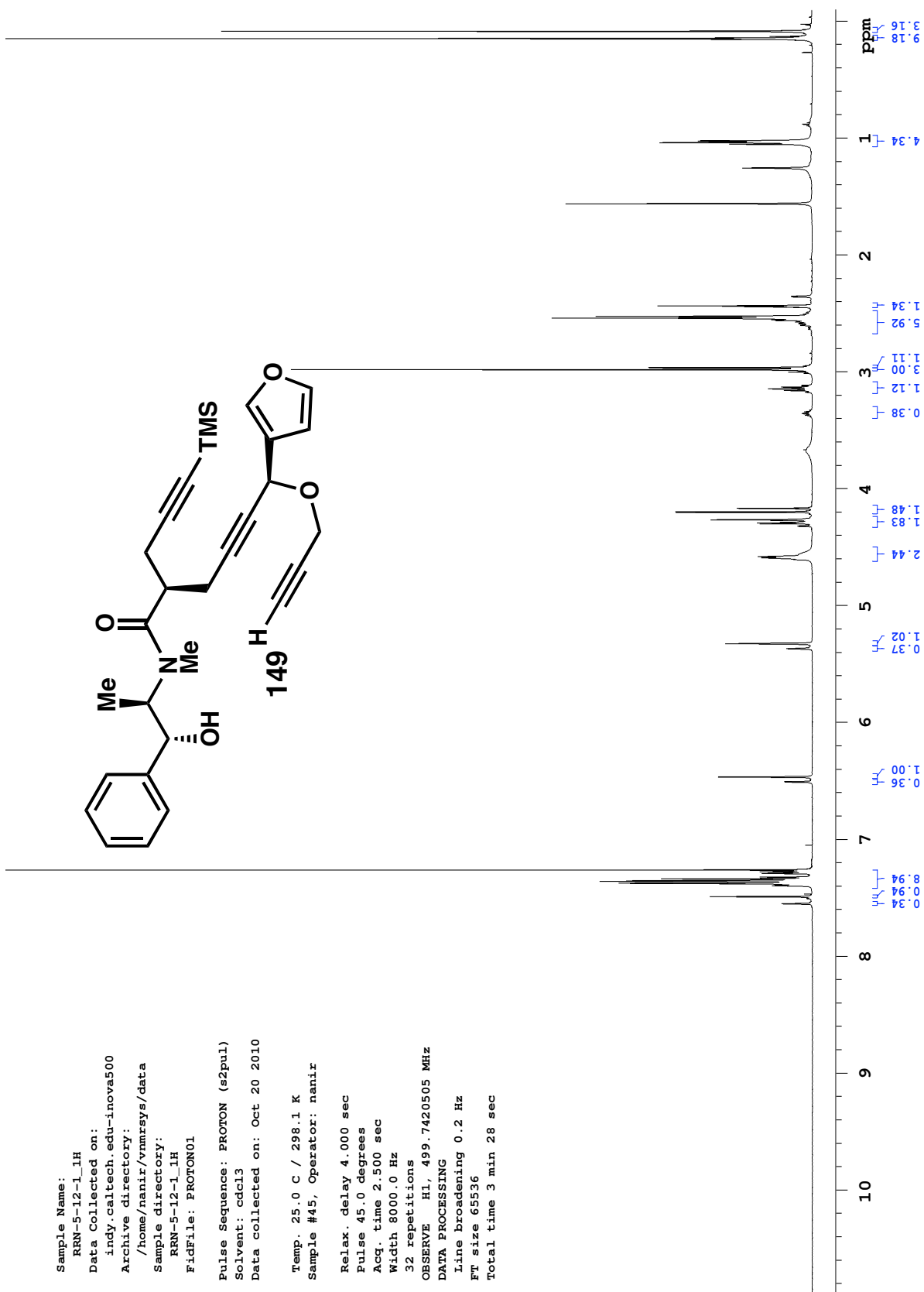


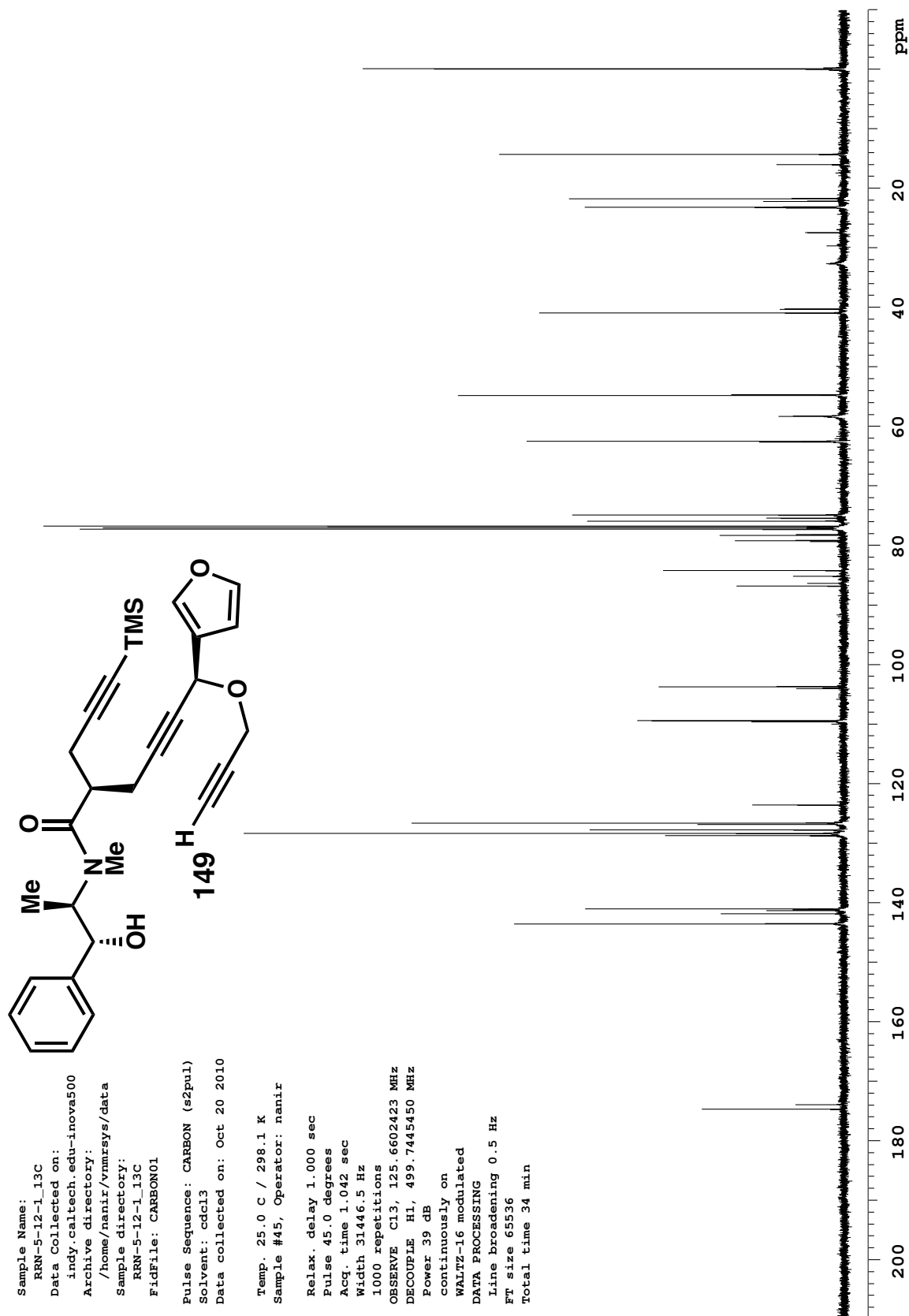


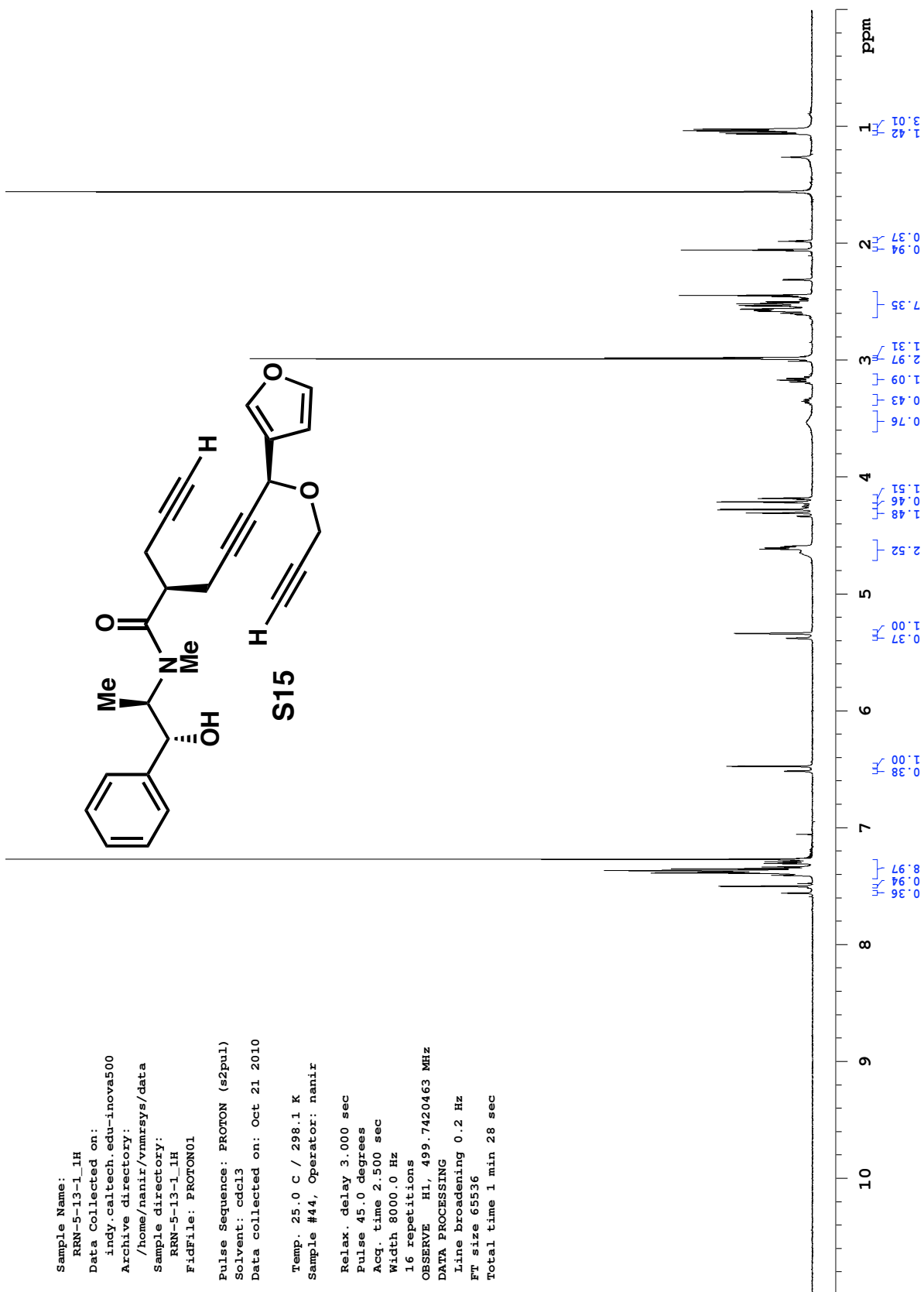




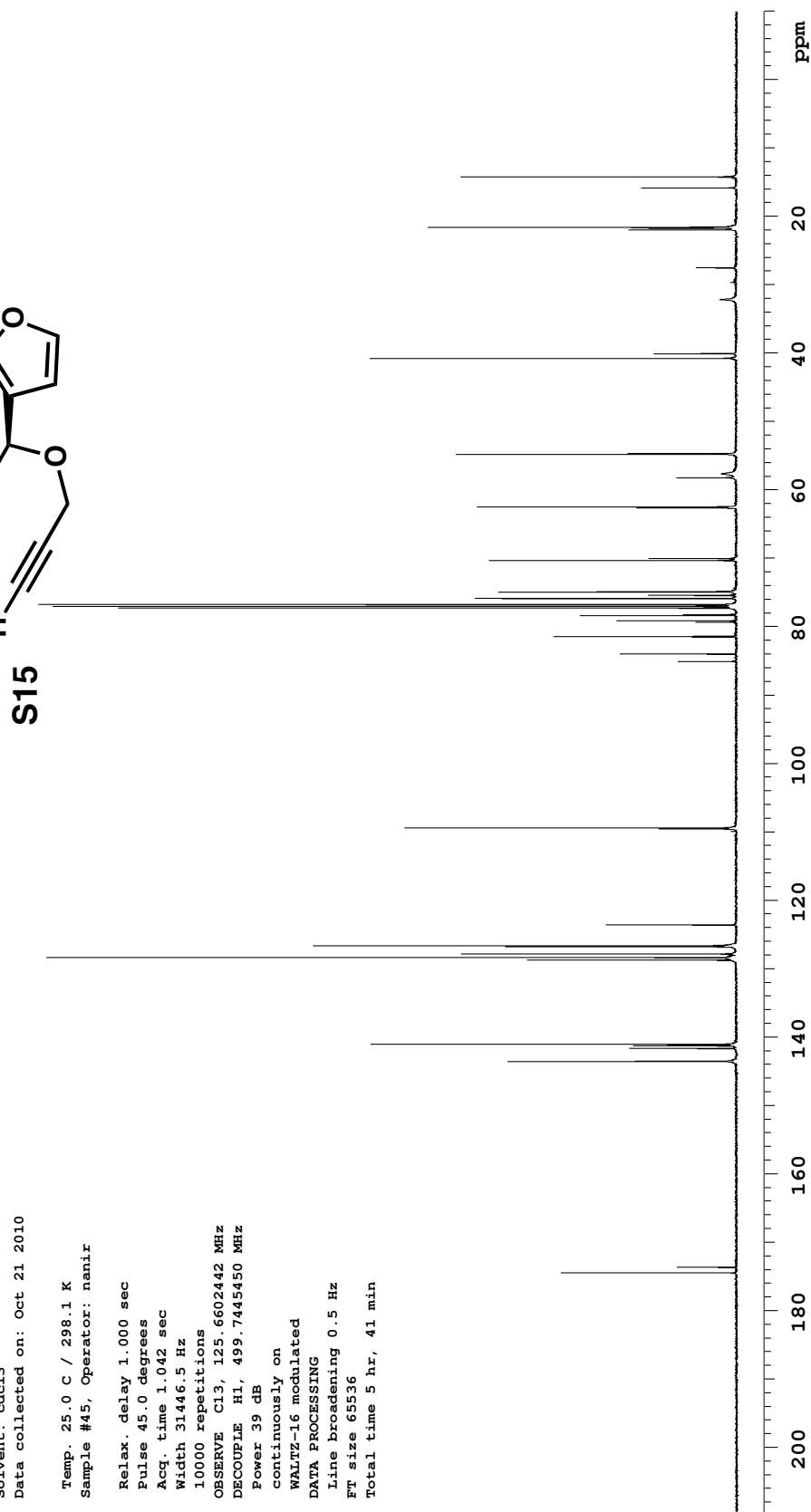
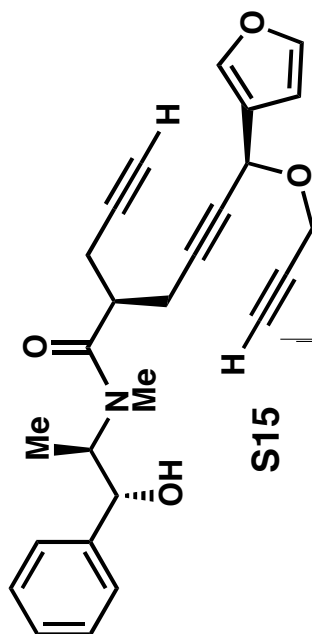


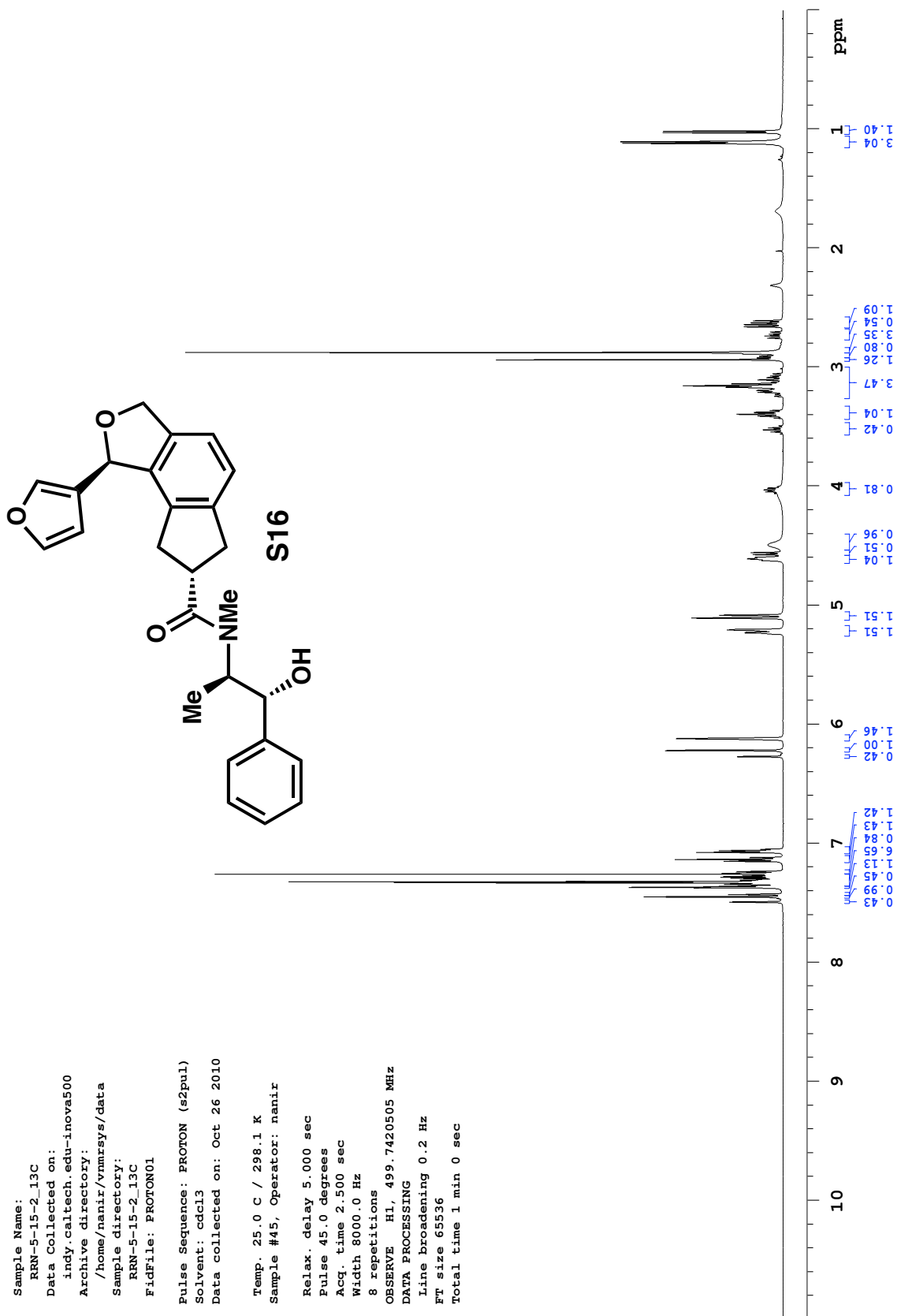


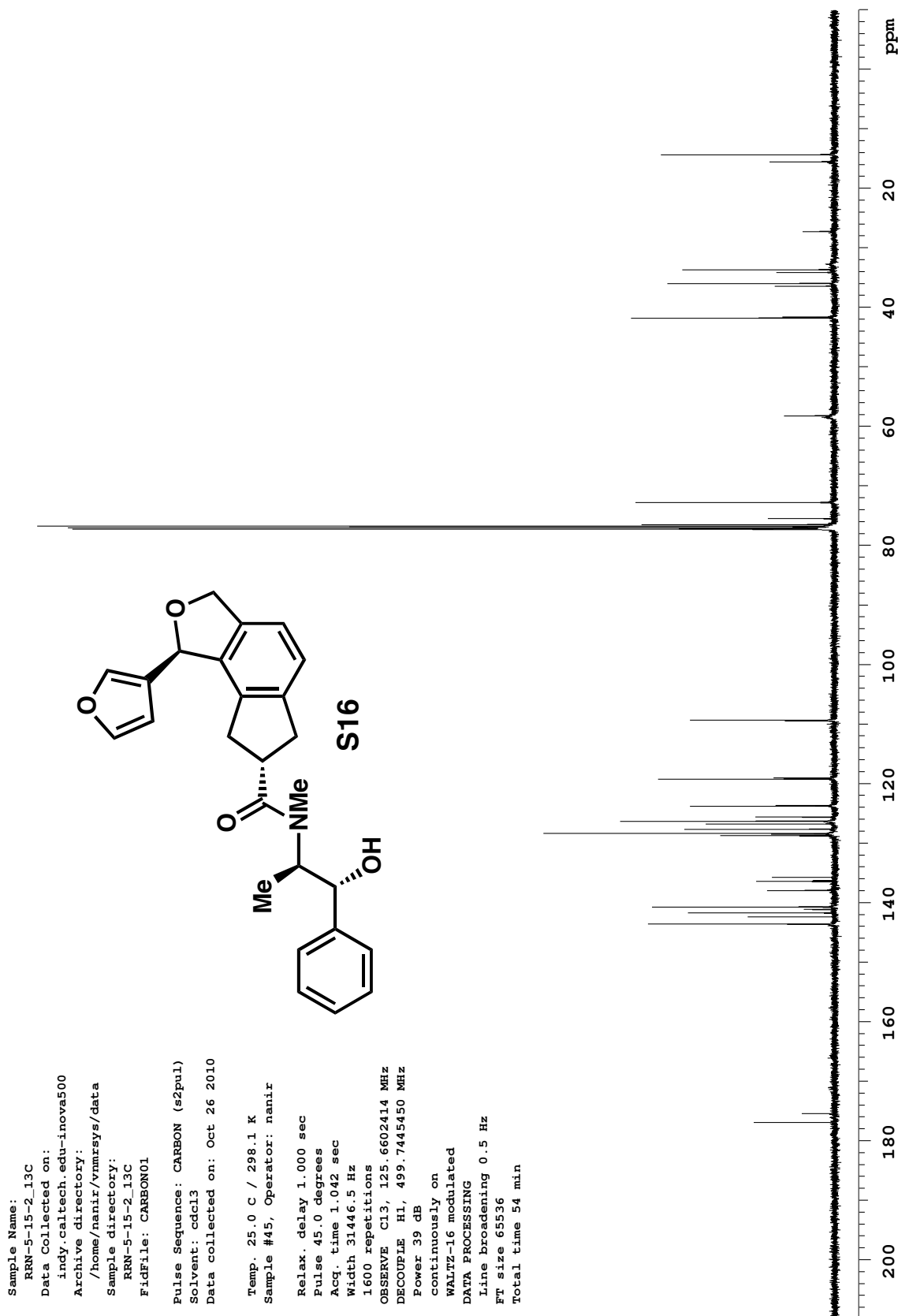


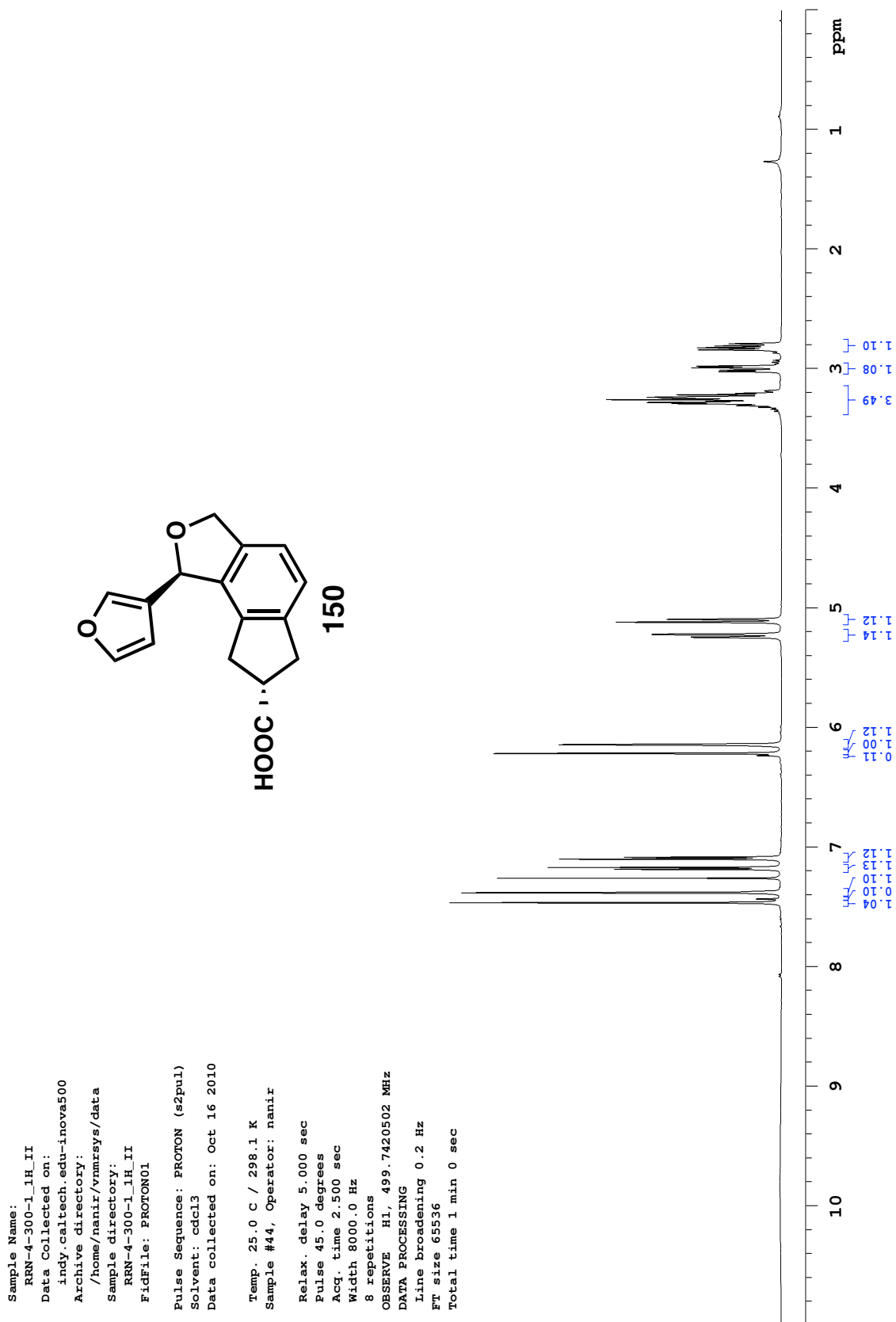


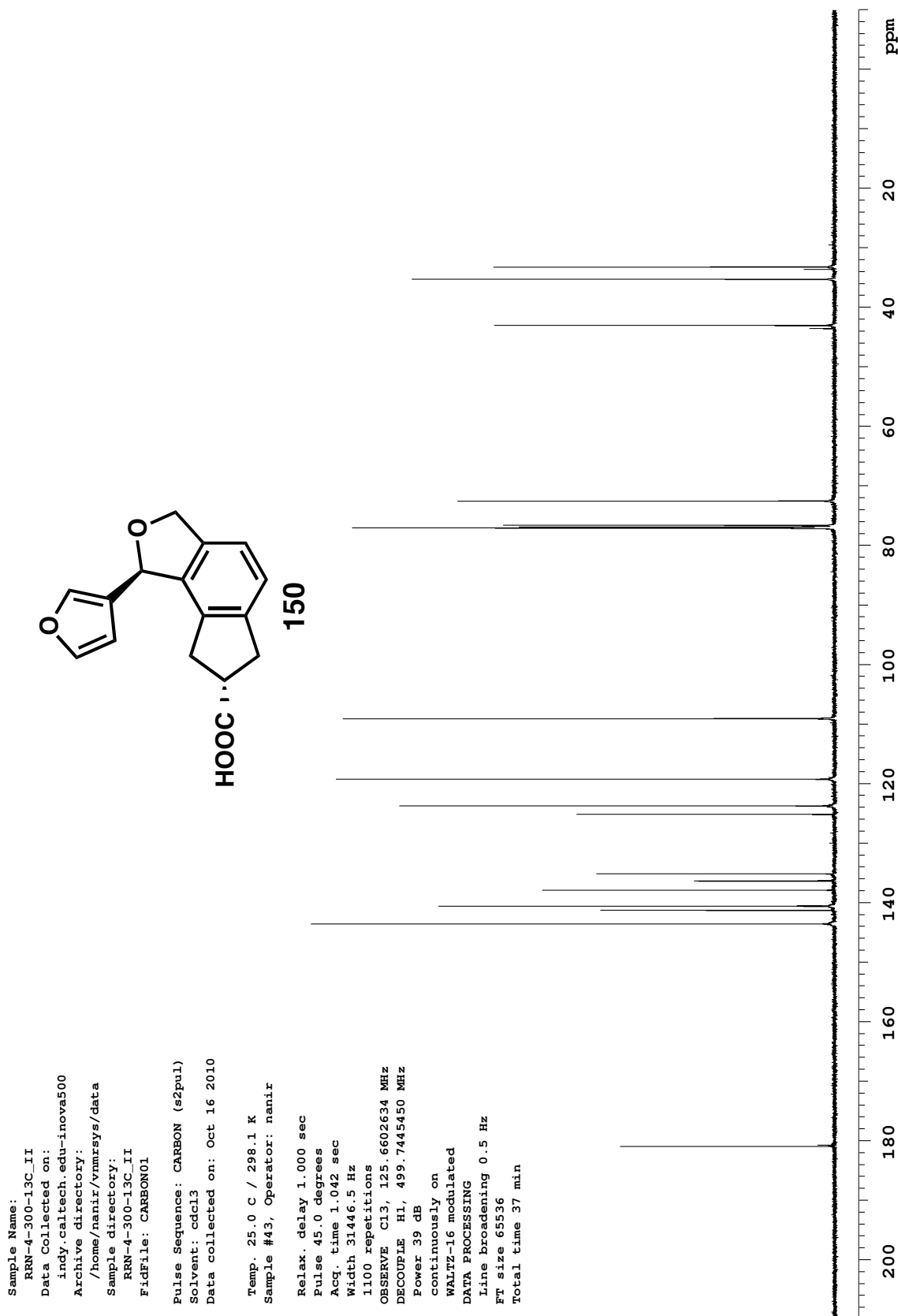
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
10000 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.602442 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7445450 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 5 hr, 41 min

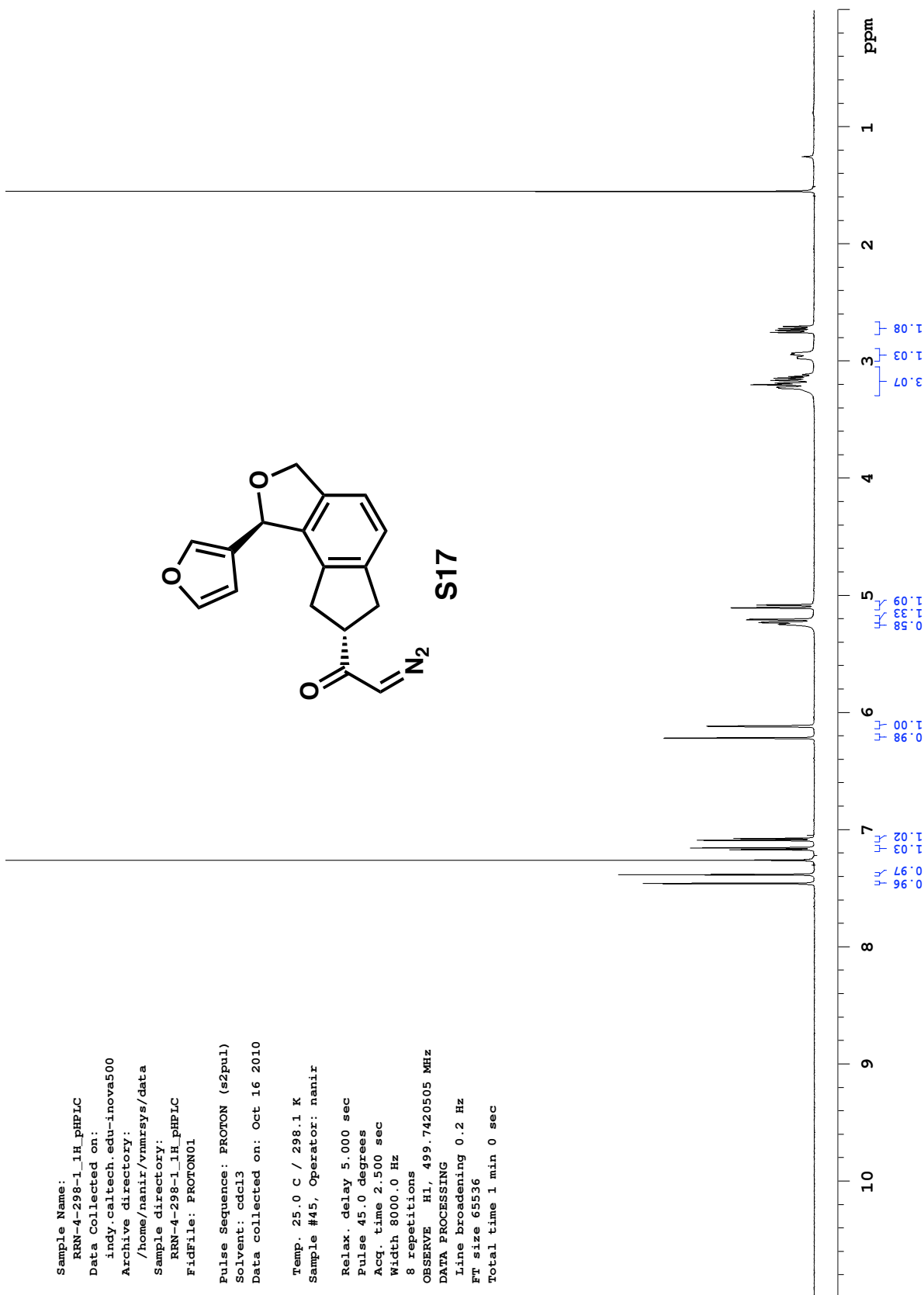


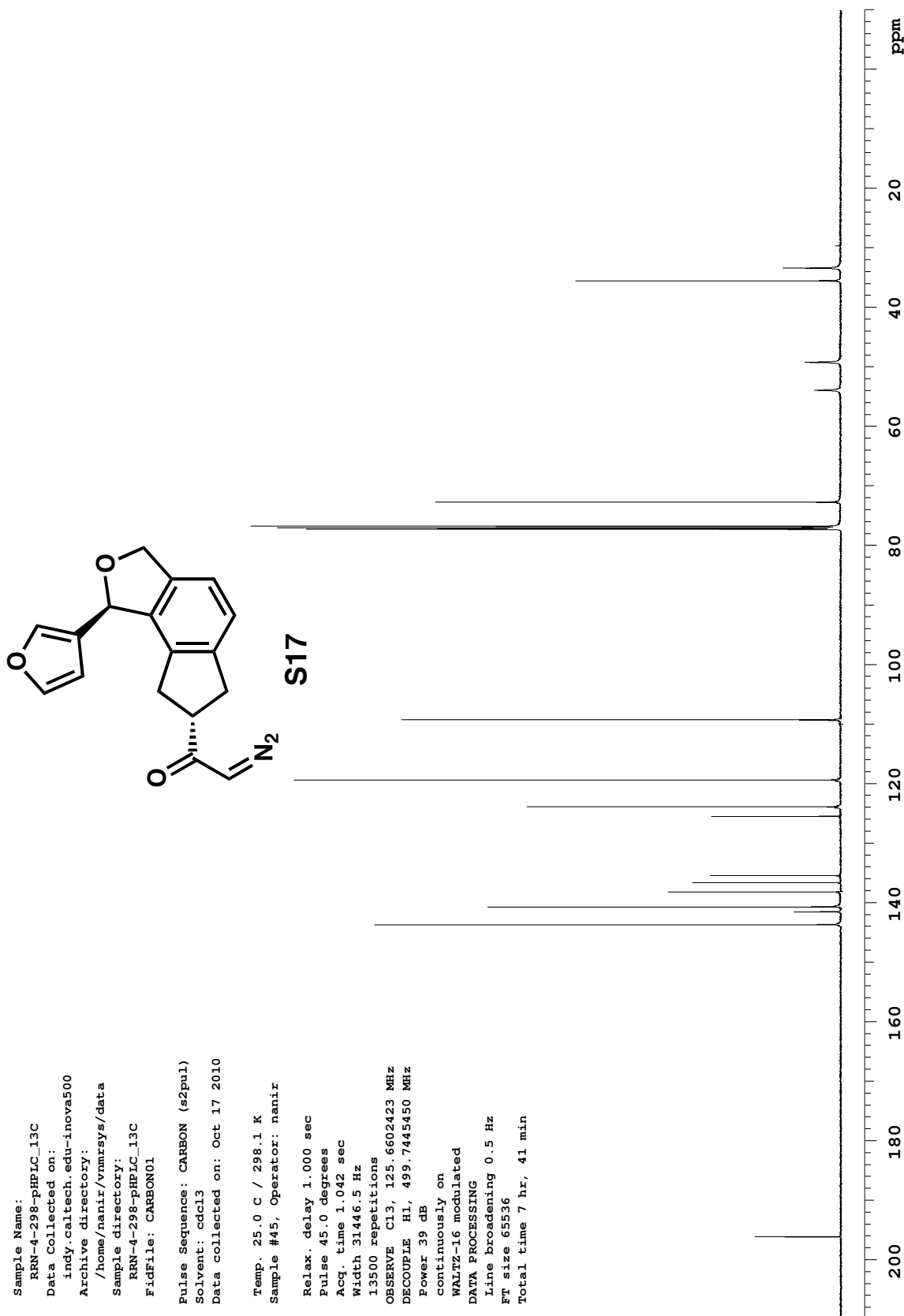


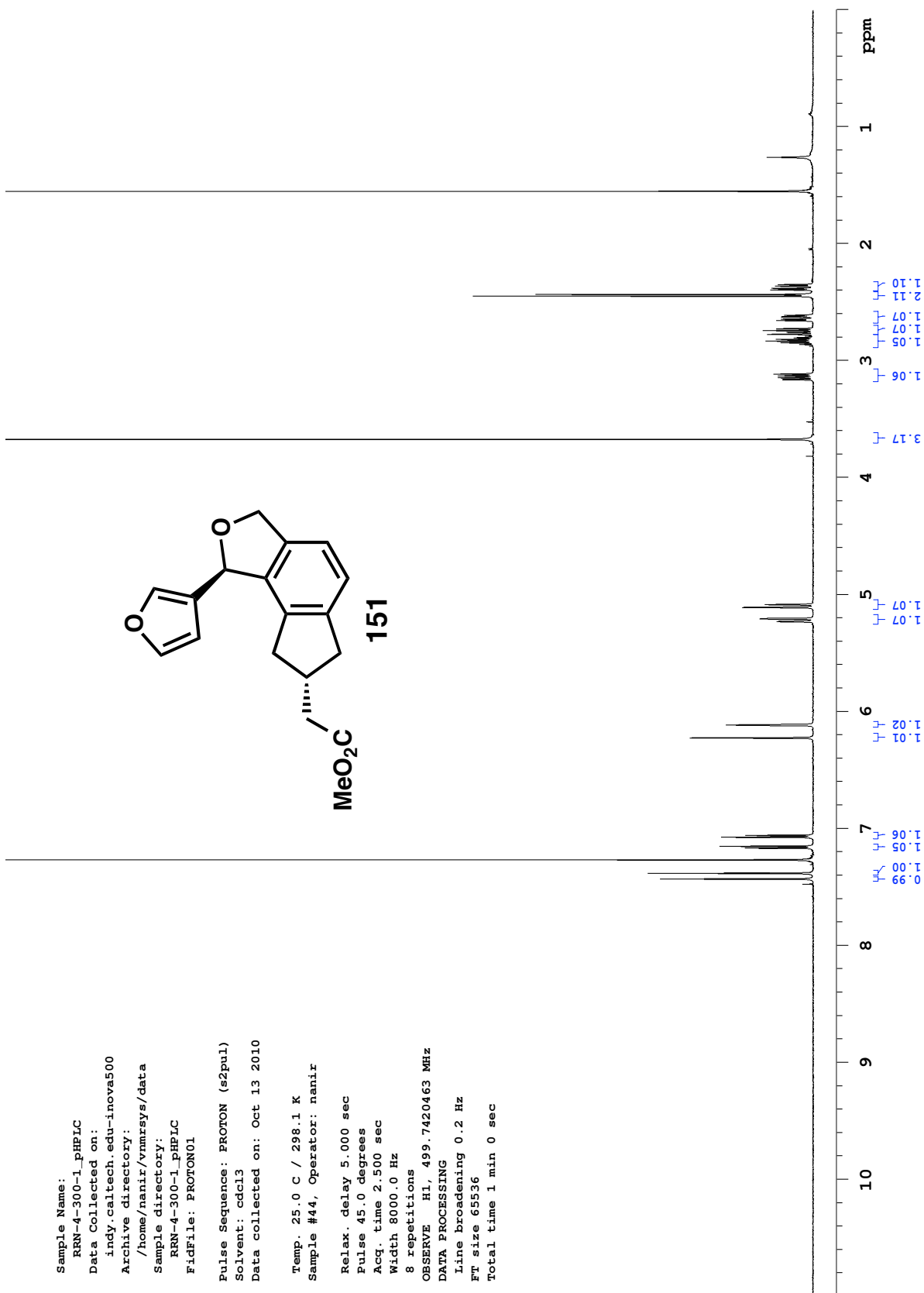


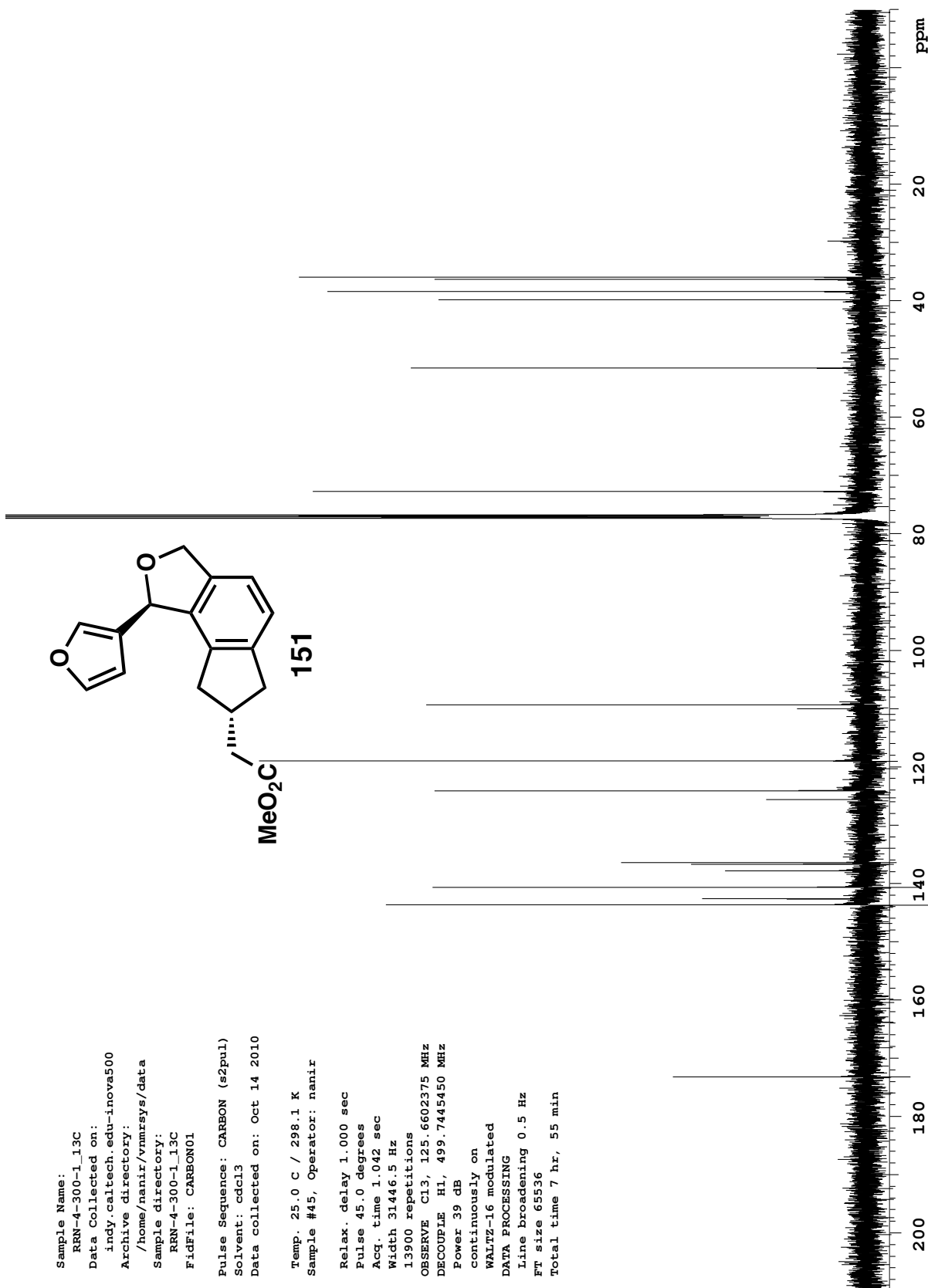


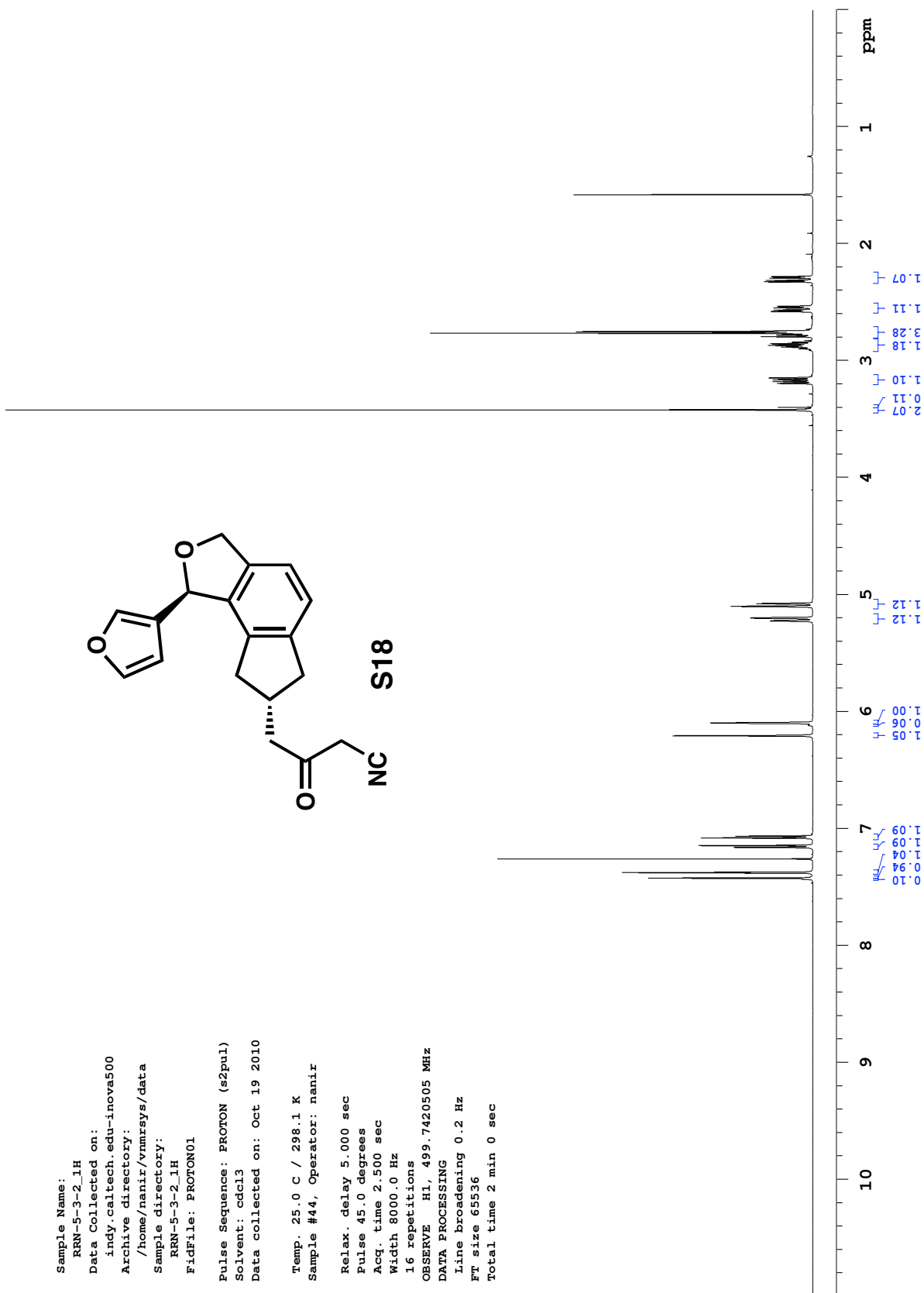


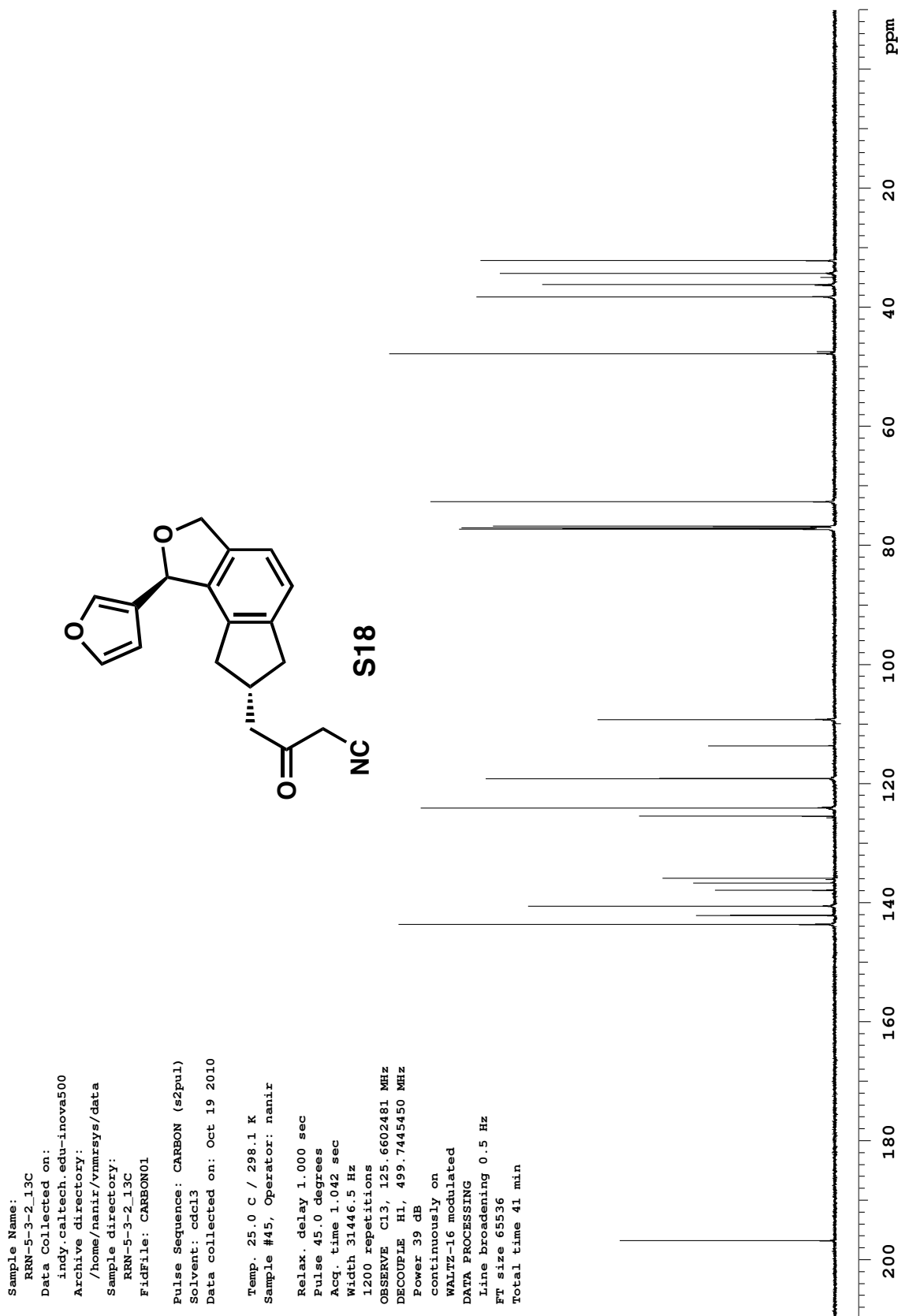


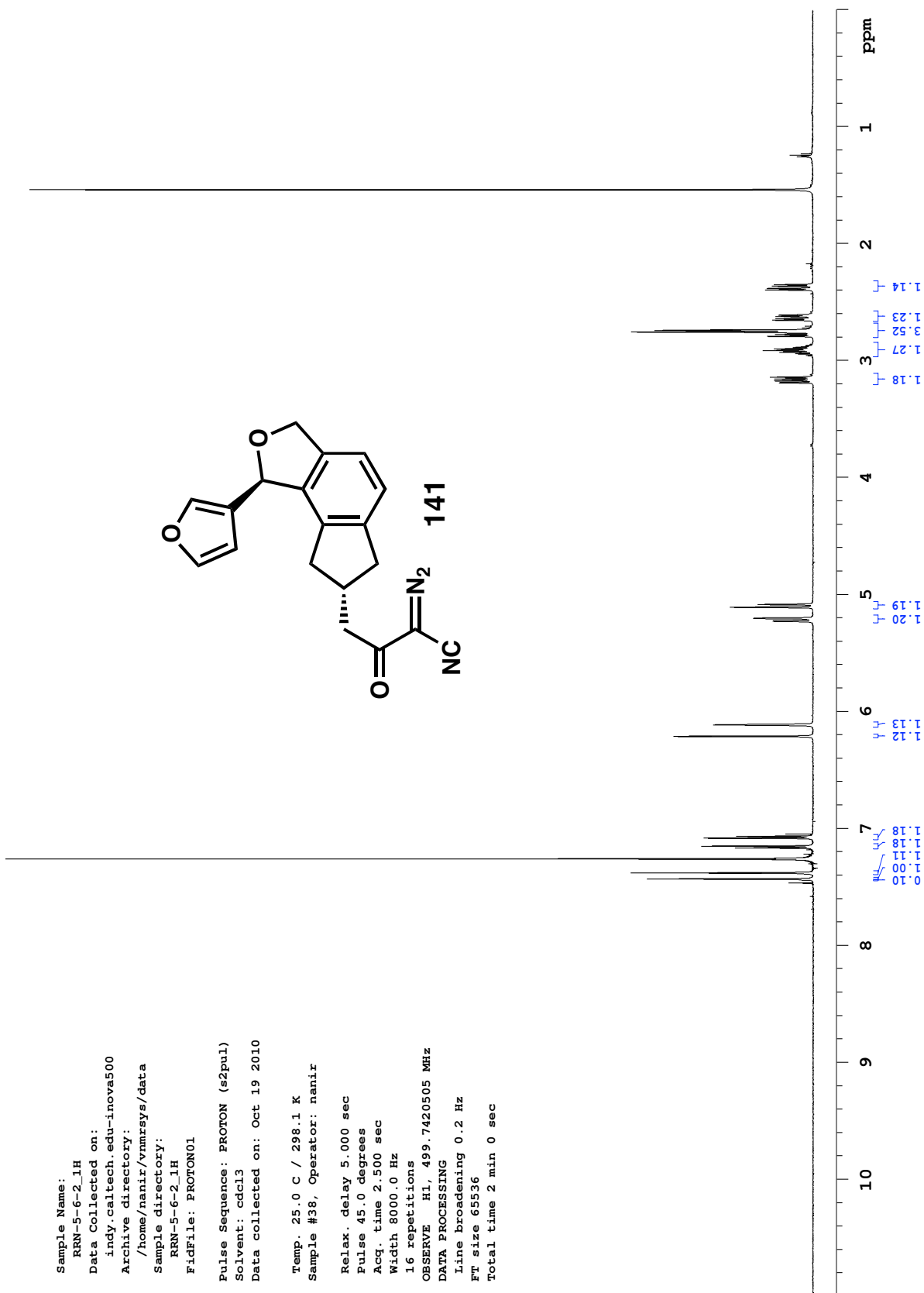


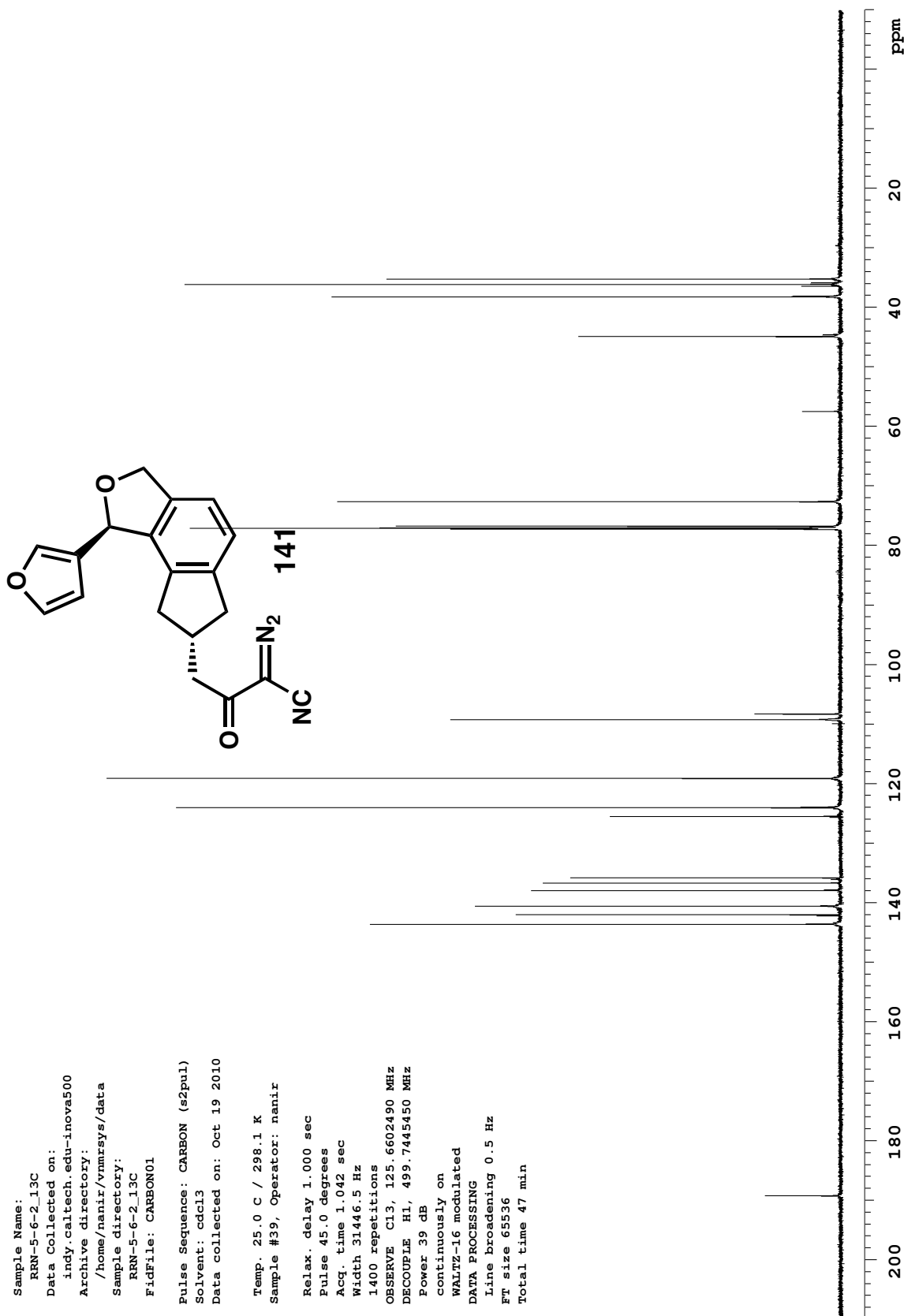












SL-5-252-column-600-H

Sample Name:

SL-5-252-pHPLC-F1-600-H

Data Collected on:

fid.caltech.edu-inova600

Archive directory:

Sample directory:

FidFile: SL-5-252-pHPLC-F1-600-H

Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Aug 20 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.049 sec

Width 9594.6 Hz

8 repetitions

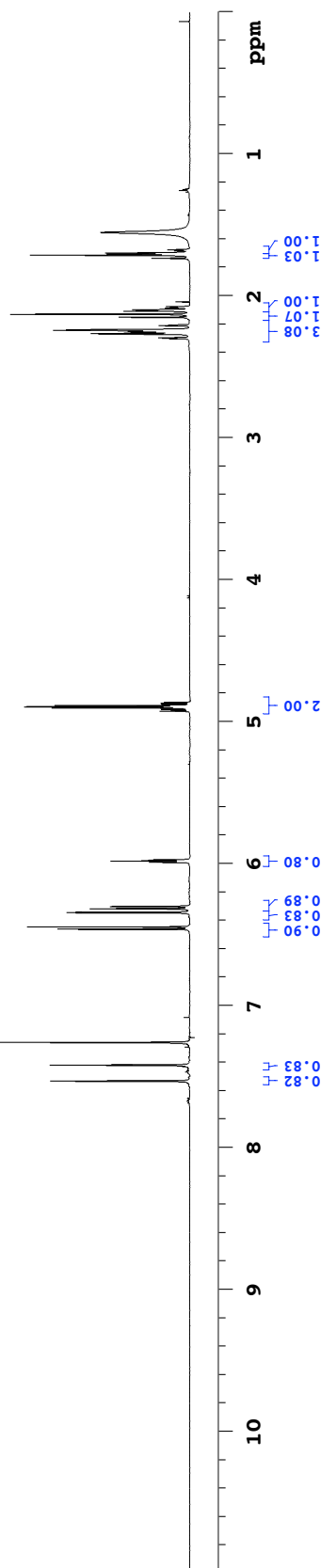
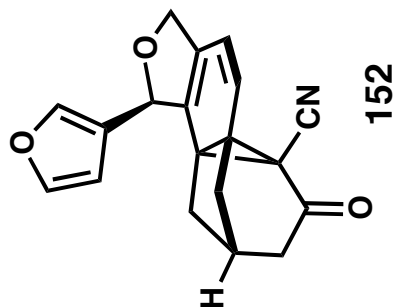
OBSERVE H1, 599.660487 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.3 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 0 min 38 sec



SL-5-249-column-125-13C

Sample Name:

SL-5-249-F1-PHPLC-500-13C

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

SL-5-249-F1-PHPLC-500-13C

FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Aug 23 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #48, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

13500 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.602389 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7445450 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

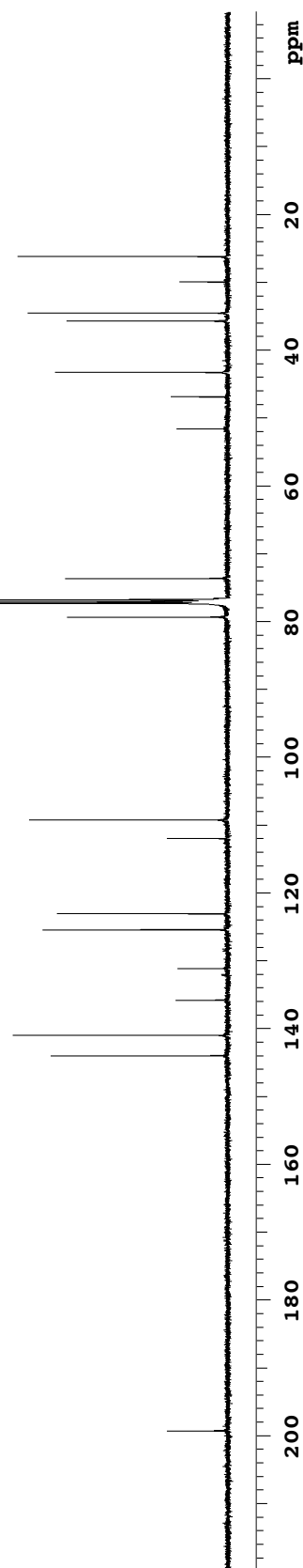
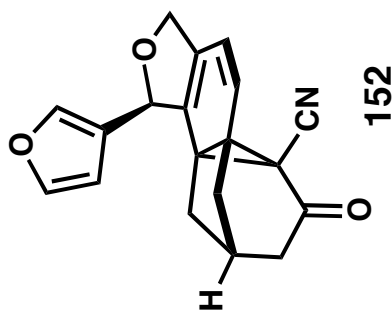
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 7 hr, 41 min



SL-6-002-column-500-H

Sample Name:

SL-6-002-column-500-H

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

SL-6-002-column-500-H

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Sep 5 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.500 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

32 repetitions

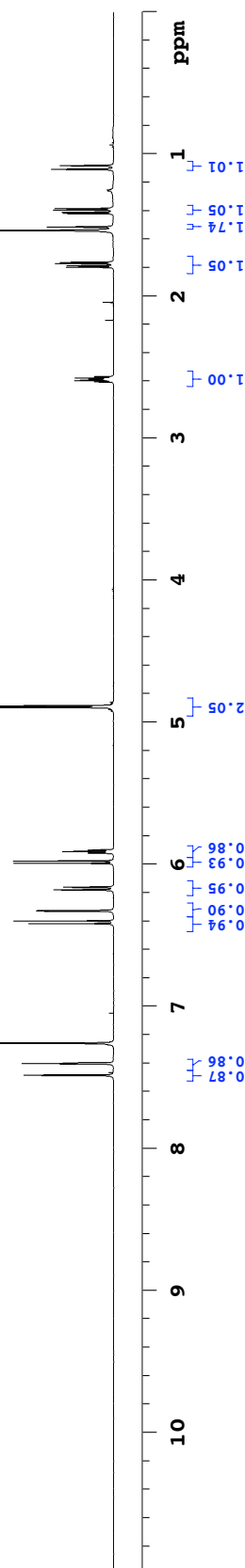
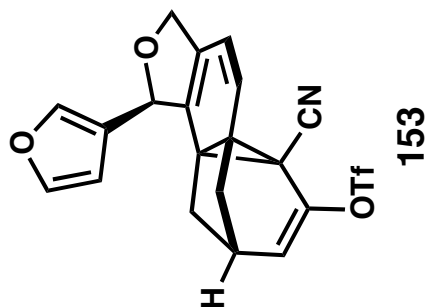
OBSERVE H1, 499.7420505 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.3 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 1 min 52 sec



SL-6-002-column-125-13C

Sample Name:

SL-6-002-column-125-13C

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

SL-6-002-column-125-13C

FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Sep 5 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1500 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6602390 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7445450 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

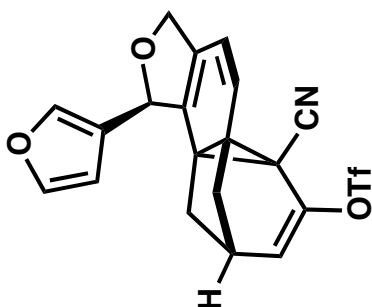
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

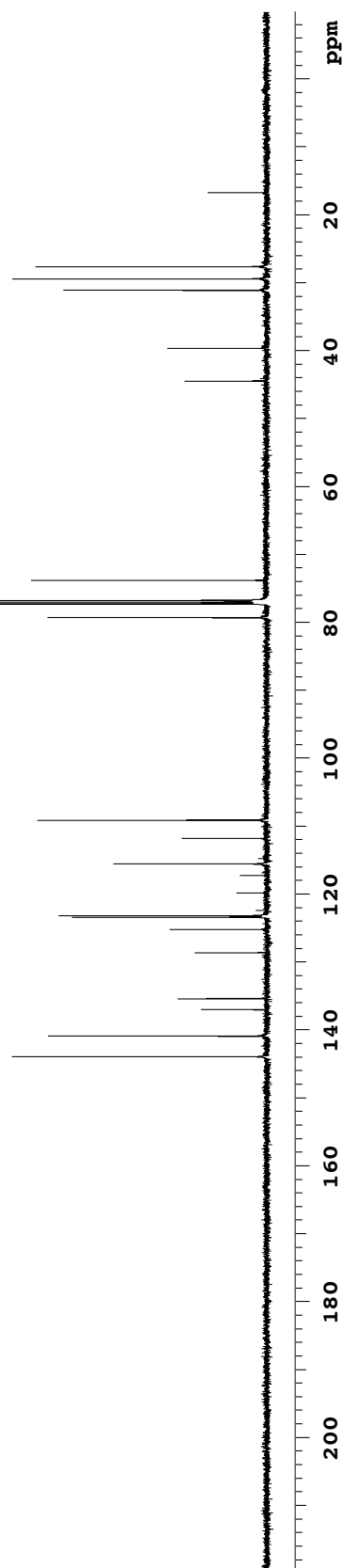
Line broadening 1.0 Hz

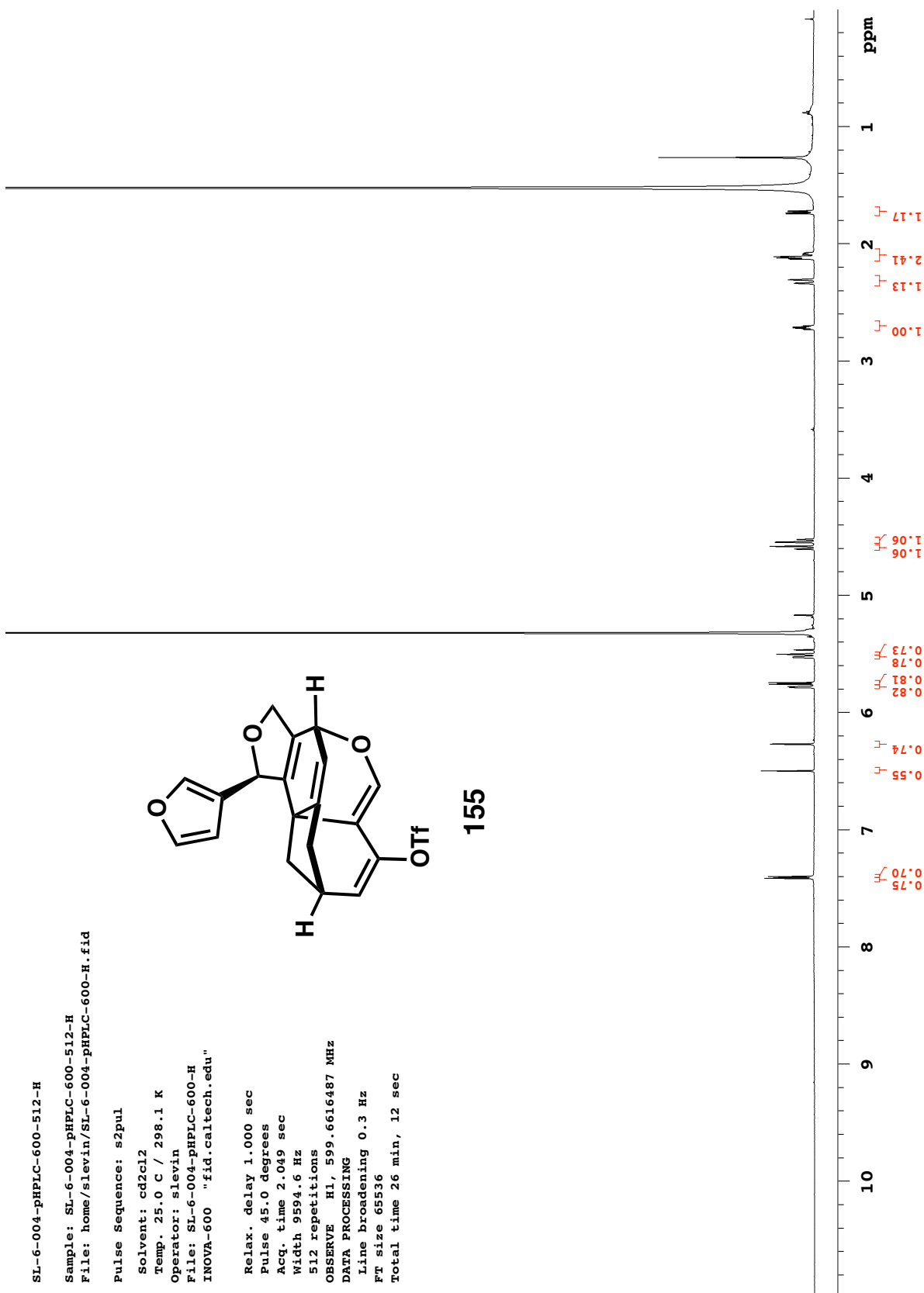
FT size 65536

Total time 51 min



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SI-6-085-crude-500-H

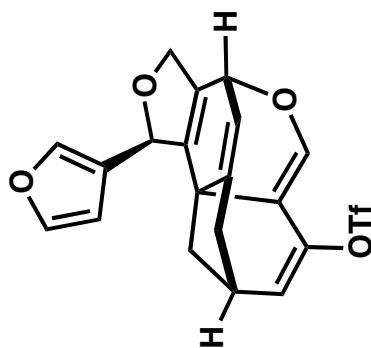
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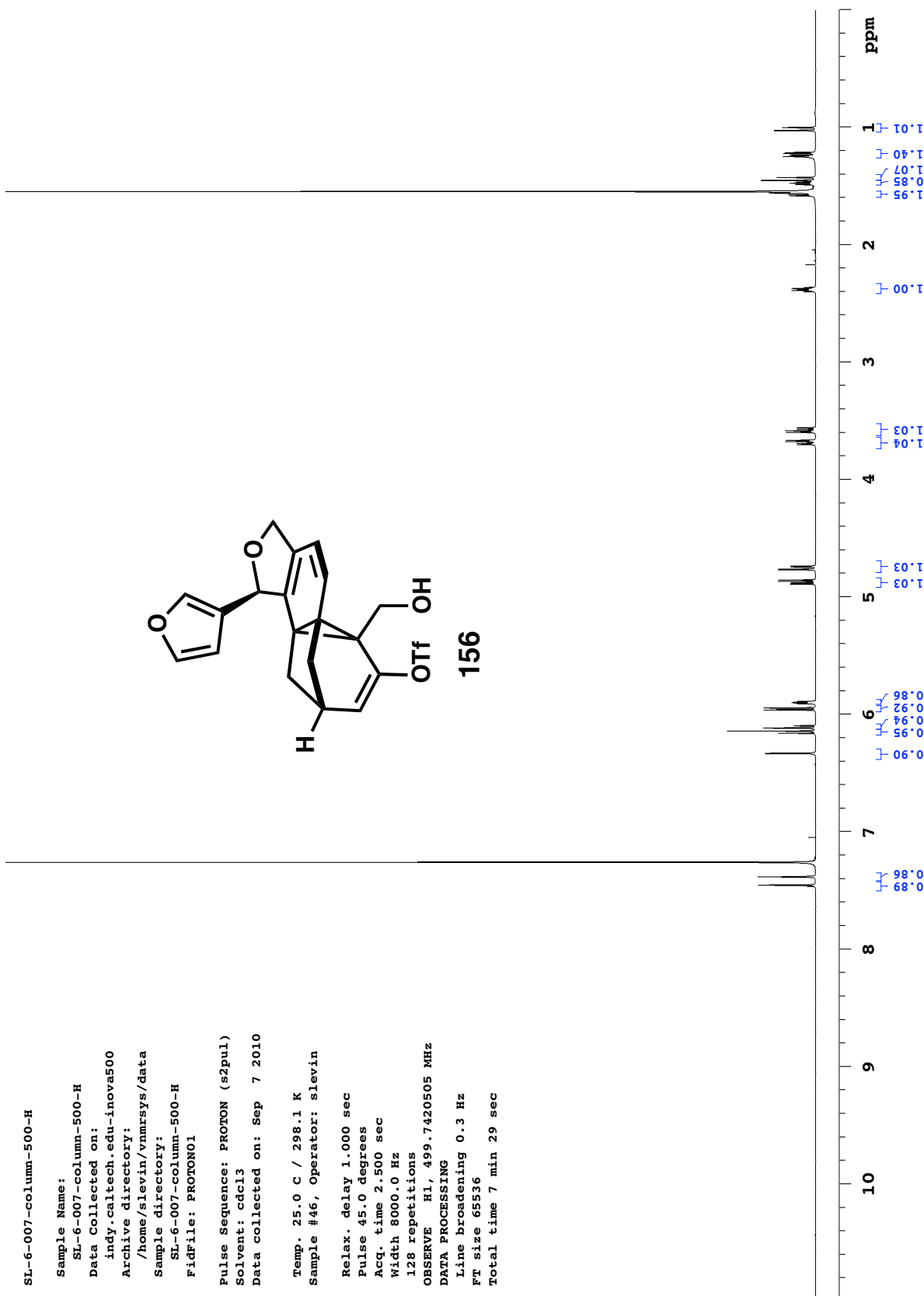
SI-6-085-crude-500-H
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500
Archive directory:
/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data
Sample directory:
SI-6-085-crude-500-H
FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Nov 9 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K
Sample #47, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
320 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6604283 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7445450 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
Ft size 65536
Total time 1 hr, 8 min





SI-6-007-column-125-13C

Sample Name:

SI-6-007-column-125-13C

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

SI-6-007-column-125-13C

FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Sep 8 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

13500 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6602375 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7445450 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

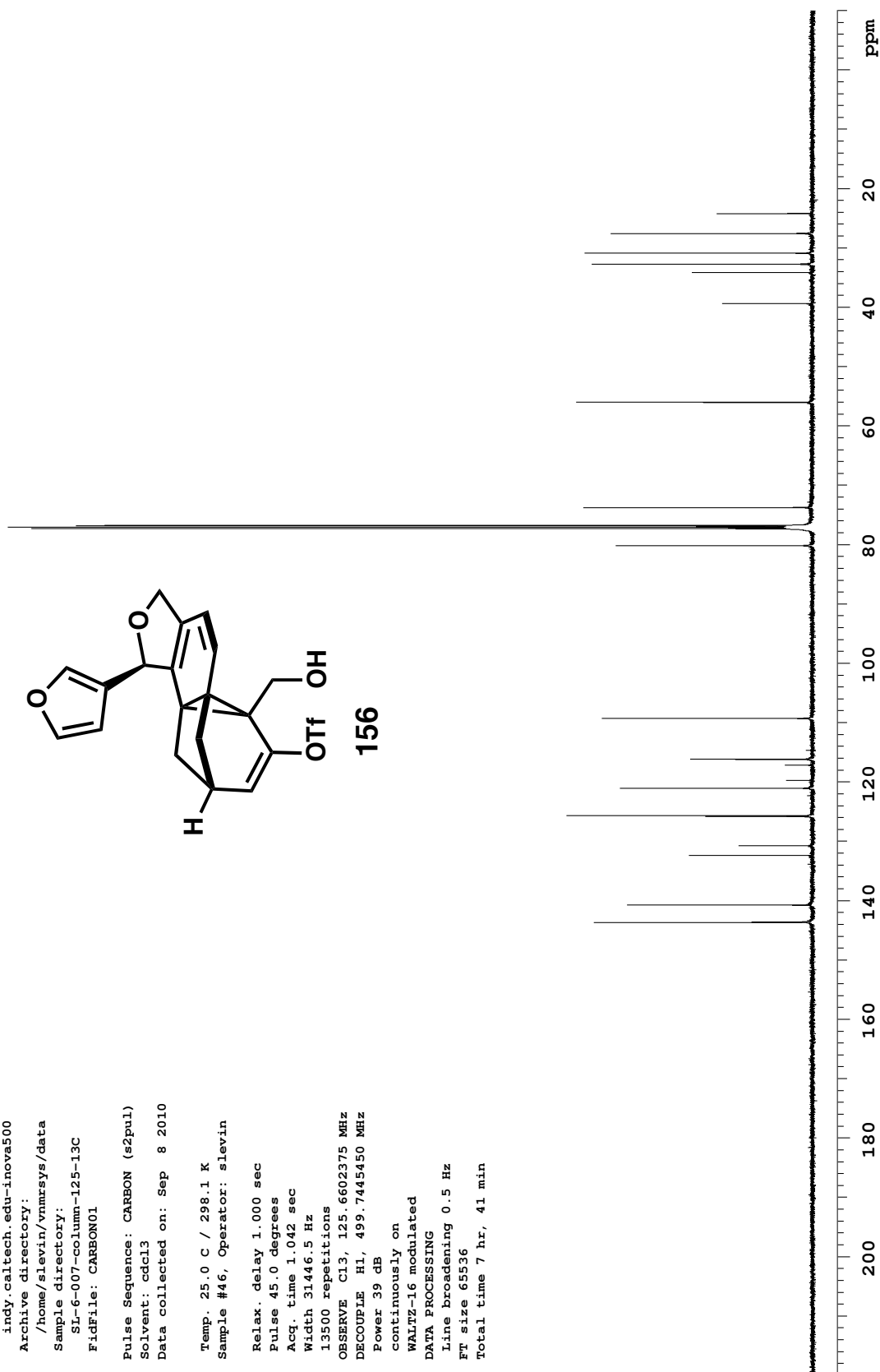
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 7 hr, 41 min



SL-5-289-column-500-H

Sample Name:

SL-5-289-column-500-H

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrSYS/data

Sample directory:

SL-5-289-column-500-H

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Aug 28 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.500 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

32 repetitions

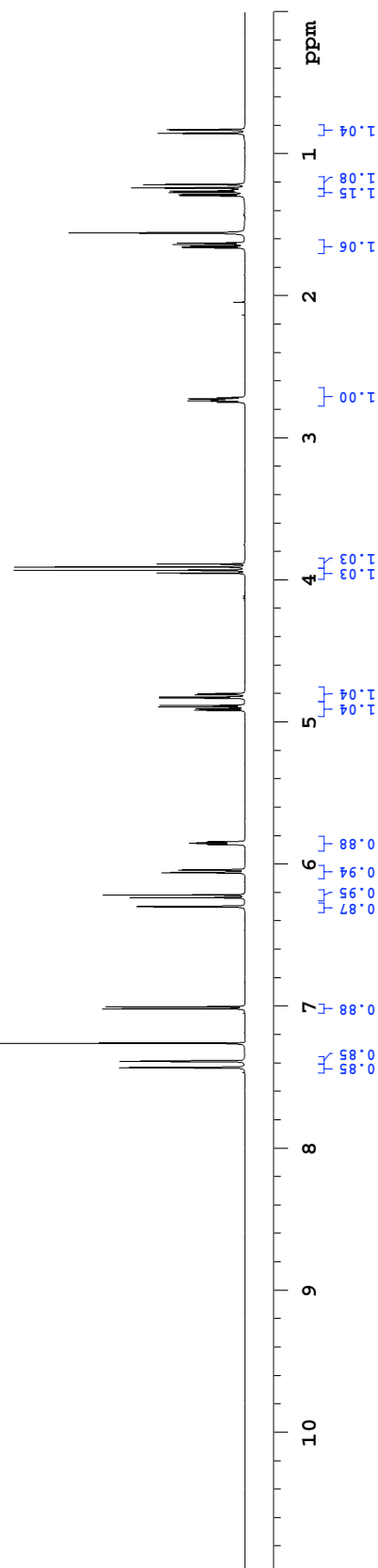
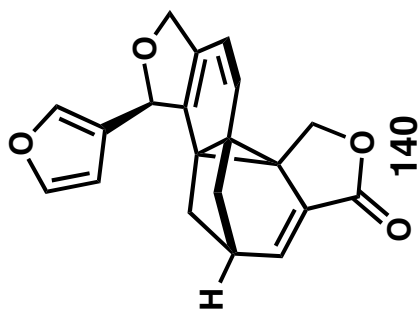
OBSERVE HL, 499.7420504 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.2 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 1 min 52 sec



SL-5-289-column-125-13C

Sample Name:

SL-5-289-column-125-13C

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

SL-5-289-column-125-13C

FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Aug 28 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

2000 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6602375 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7445450 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

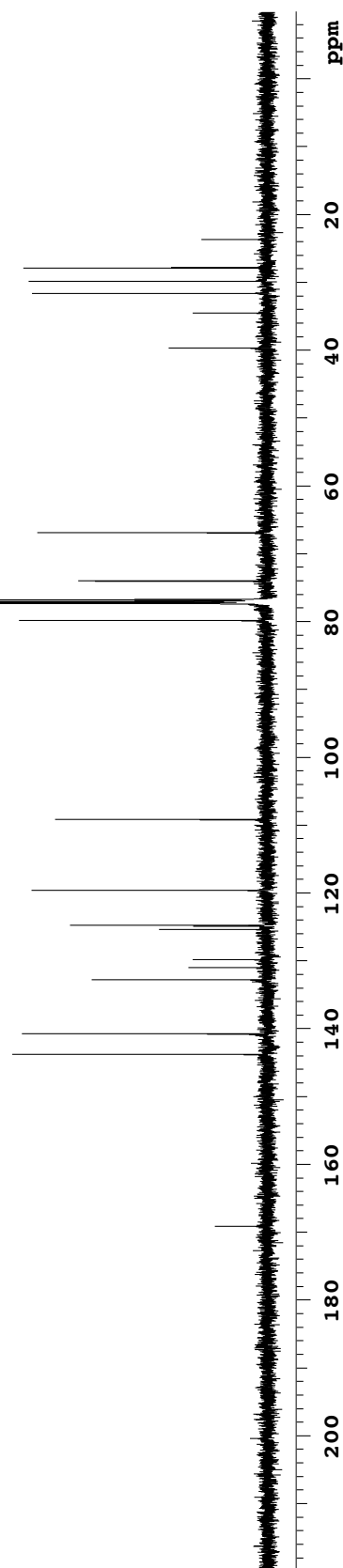
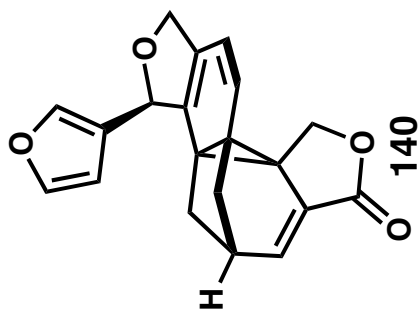
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 1.0 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 1 hr, 8 min



SI-6-054-column-500-H

Sample Name:

SI-6-054-column-500-H

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

SI-6-054-column-500-H

FidFile: current

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 24 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.500 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

64 repetitions

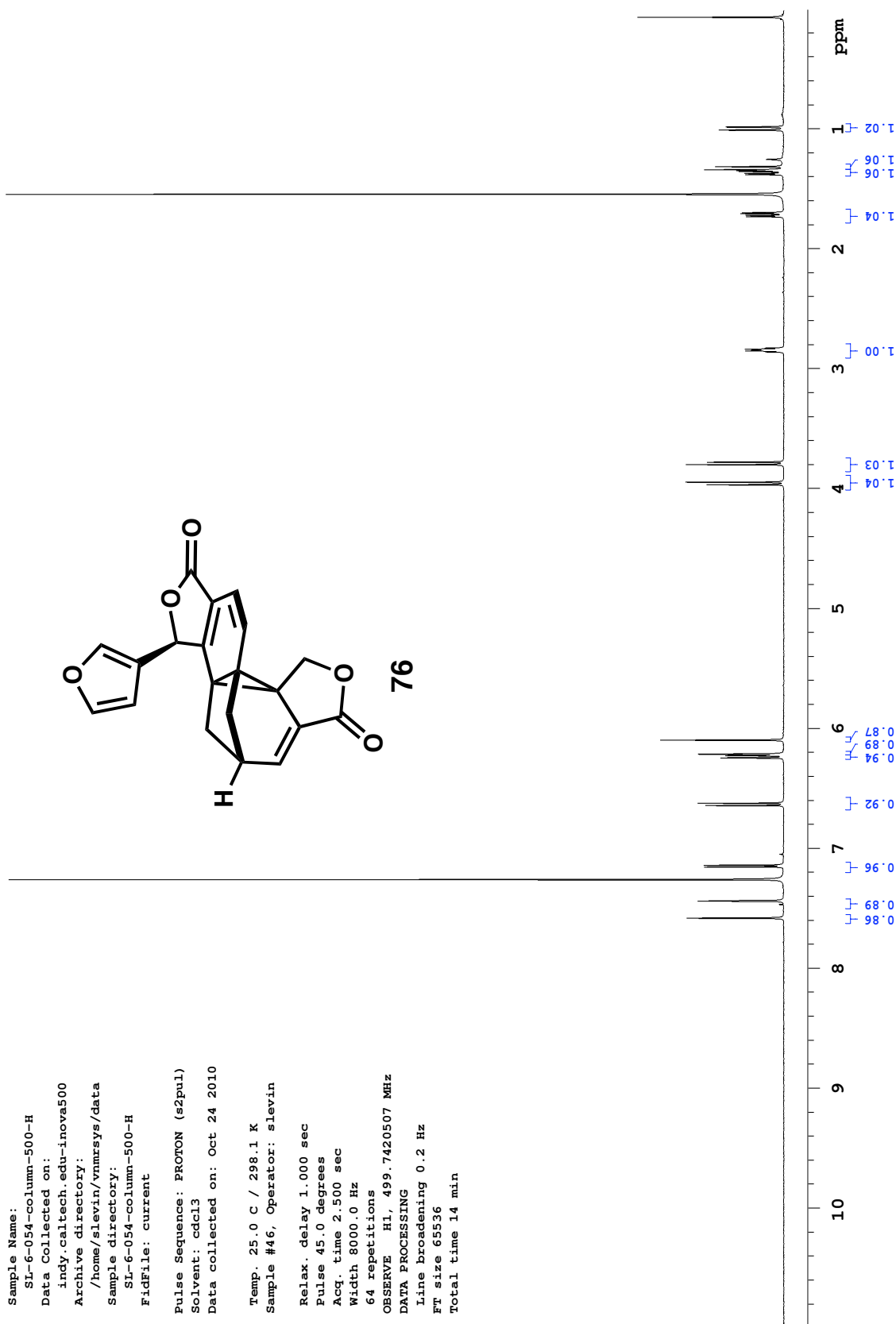
OBSERVE H1, 499.7420507 MHz

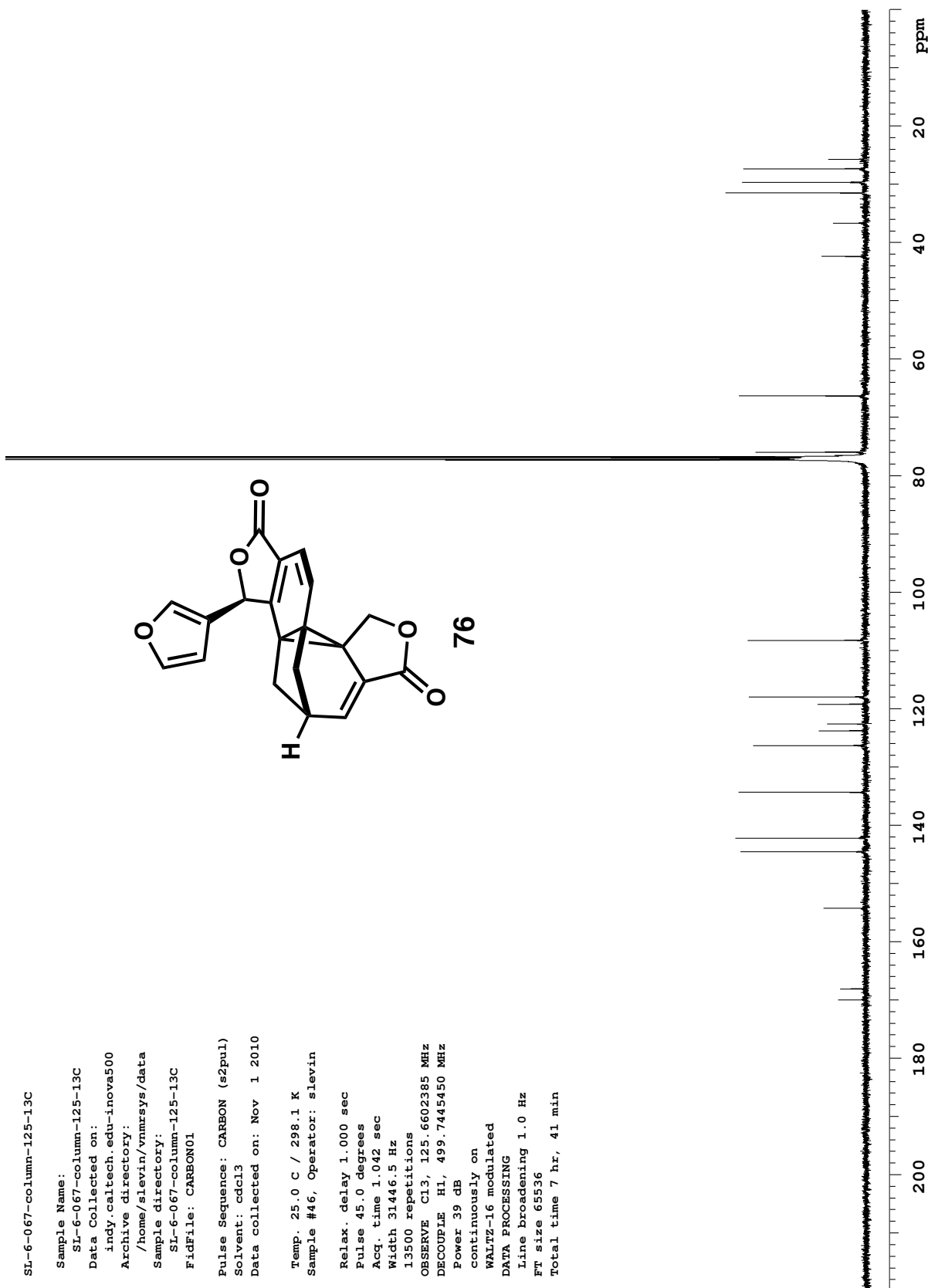
DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.2 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 14 min





SI-6-054-ald-column-500-H

Sample Name:

SI-6-054-ald-column-500-H

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

SI-6-054-ald-column-500-H

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 24 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.500 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

32 repetitions

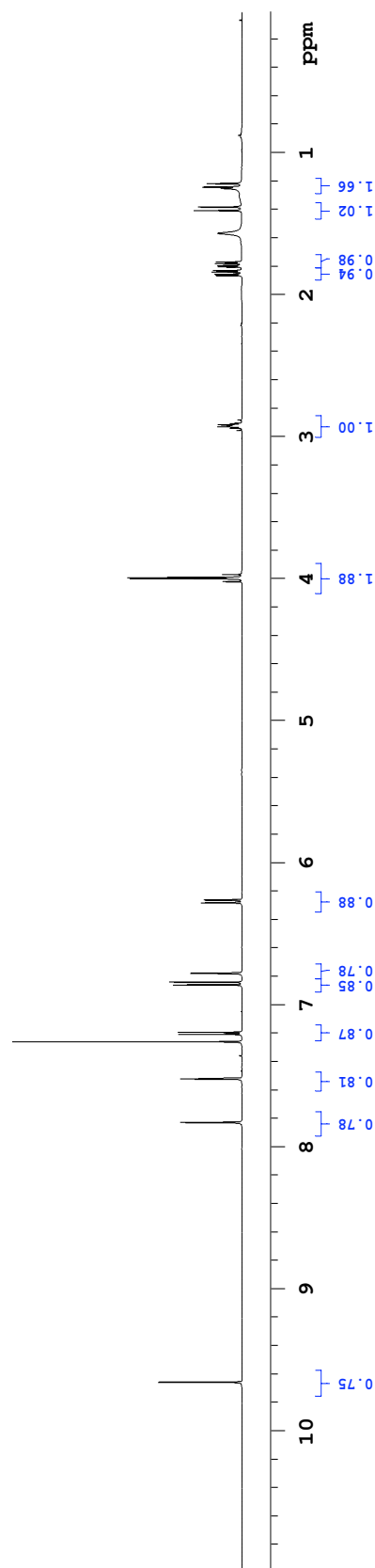
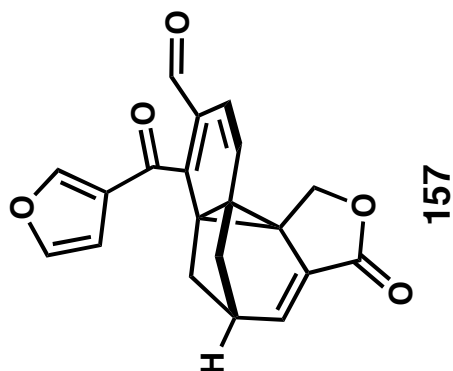
OBSERVE H1, 499.7420506 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 0.2 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 1 min 52 sec



SI-6-054-ald-column-500-H

Sample Name:

SI-6-054-ald-column-500-H

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inoxa500

Archive directory:

/home/slevin/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

SI-6-054-ald-column-500-H

FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 24 2010

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

Sample #46, Operator: slevin

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.042 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

1550 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6602385 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7445450 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

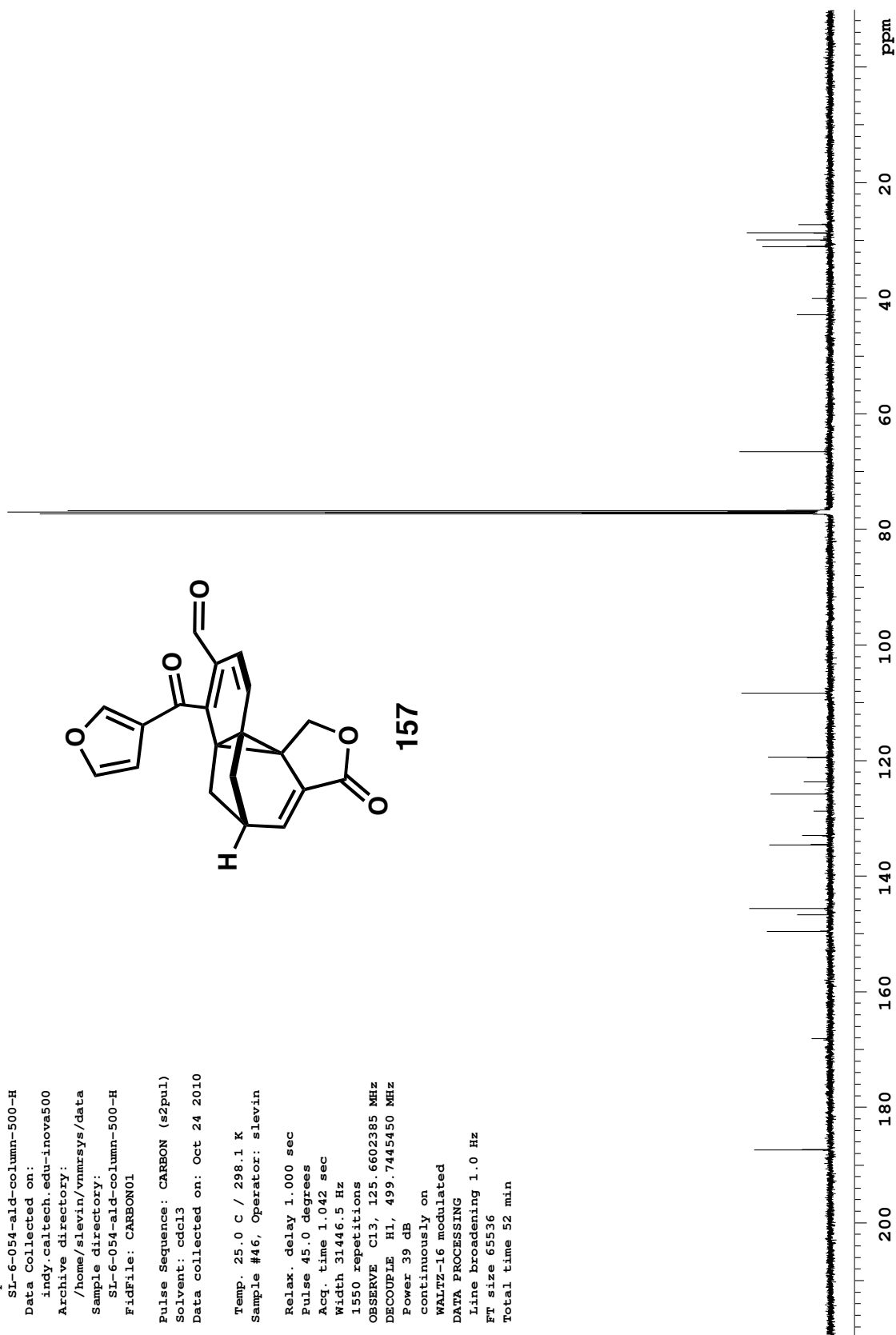
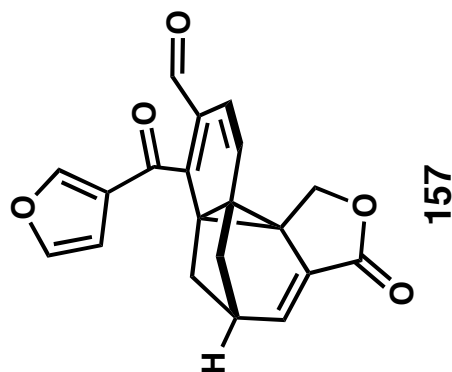
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

Line broadening 1.0 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 52 min



Compound 2 (Salvileucalin B) 1H/CDCl3/300K/500MHz

Salvileucalin B (2)



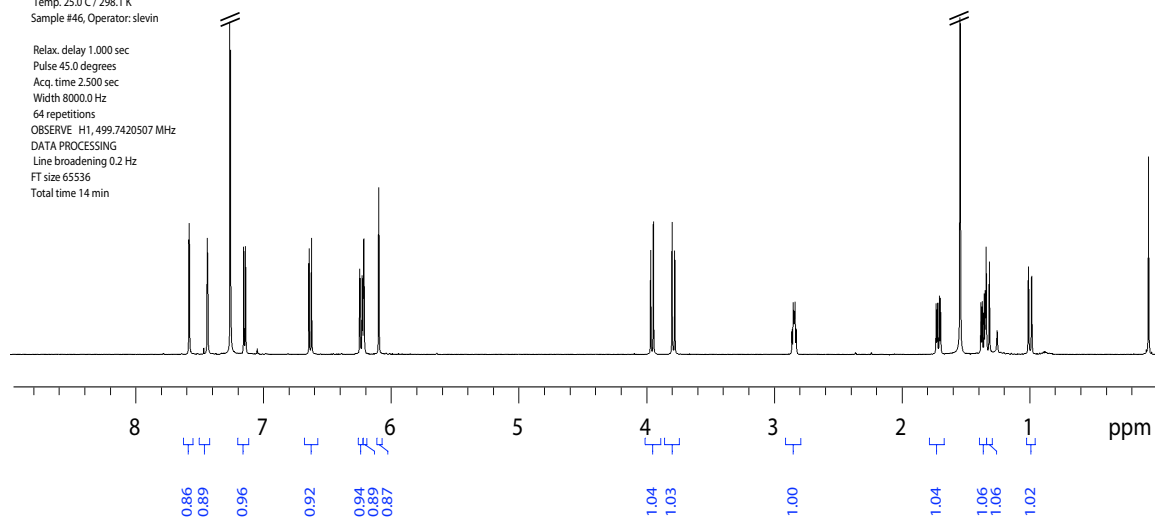
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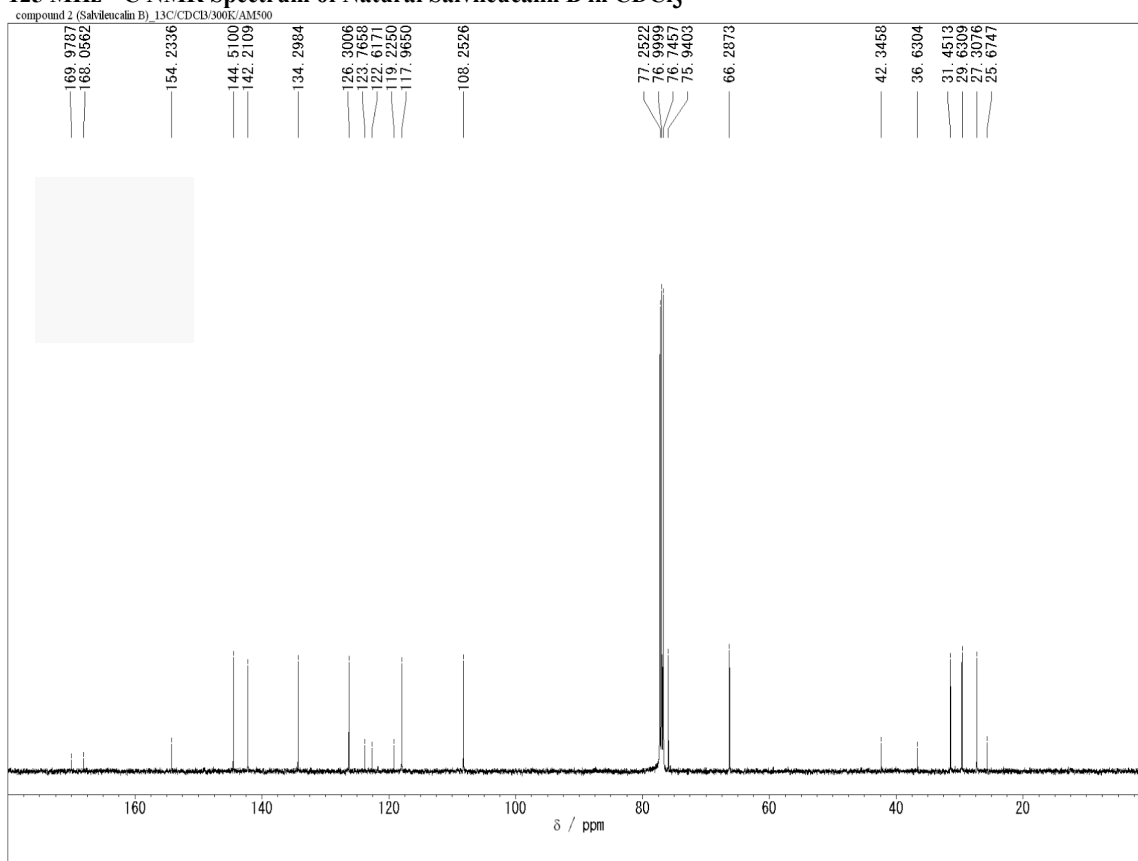
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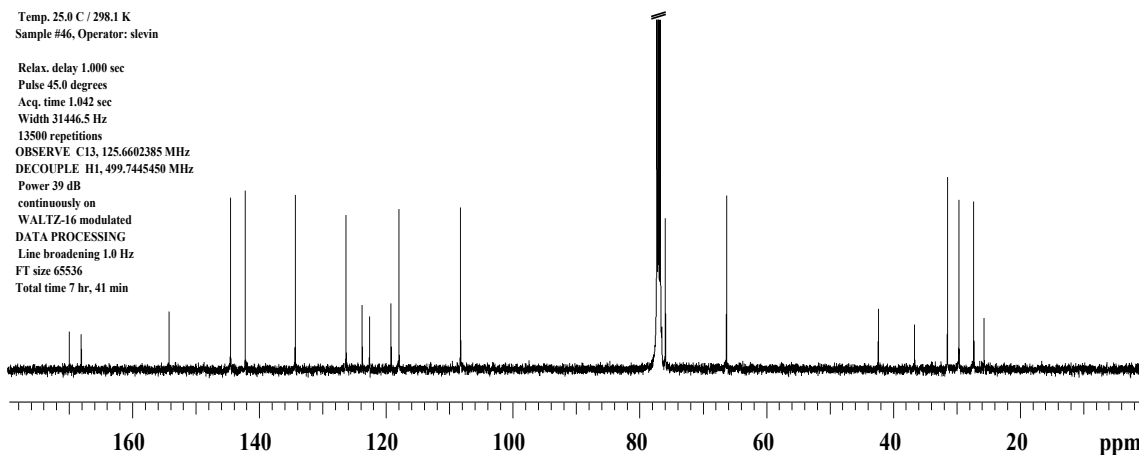
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Chapter 4[†]

Intramolecular Cyclopropanations of α -Diazo- β -Ketonitriles

4.1 INTRODUCTION

Transition metal-catalyzed cycloaddition reactions between diazo compounds and alkenes or arenes are widely employed for the preparation of cyclopropanes,¹ versatile synthetic intermediates that can be elaborated to cyclopropane-containing natural products or pharmaceuticals.² In addition, the ~28 kcal/mol of ring strain associated with the three-membered ring endows these compounds with the ability to participate in a variety of transformations that proceed by C–C bond scission. These reactions include sigmatropic processes such as vinyl-cyclopropane rearrangements³ and rate-accelerated Cope and retro-Claisen rearrangements,⁴ nucleophilic displacement reactions,^{2a,5} and a variety of cycloaddition reactions.^{5c,6} As a result of their synthetic utility, the development of new catalytic cyclopropanation reactions has been the subject of intense study by a

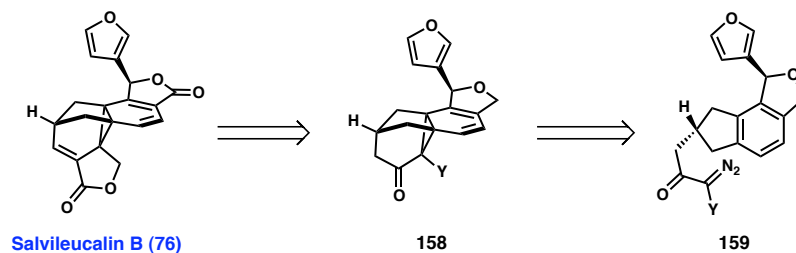
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number of prominent researchers.⁷ Despite remarkable advances in the state-of-the-art over the past several decades, certain cyclopropane substitution patterns nonetheless remain challenging to access by metal-catalyzed diazo cycloaddition chemistry. In particular, efforts to prepare highly substituted cyclopropanes by the cycloaddition between di-substituted diazo groups and highly substituted olefins or arenes are often complicated by competing C-H insertion processes.⁸ Thus, in order to gain access to the full complement of cyclopropane structural patterns, continued efforts to expand the scope of cyclopropanation reactions are required.

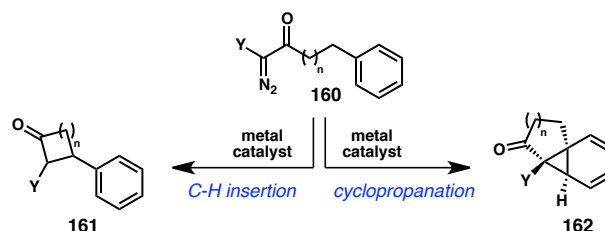
4.2 BACKGROUND

4.2.1 Cyclopropanation Studies in the Salvileucalin B Synthesis

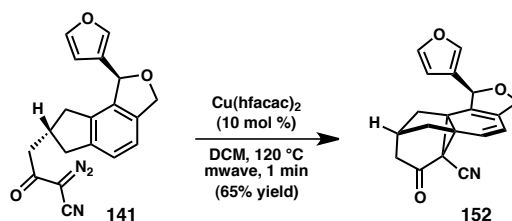
Our own foray into the area of cyclopropanation research grew out of a total synthesis program focused on the preparation of the natural product salvileucalin B (**76**).⁹ Salvileucalin B is an unusual diterpenoid that contains a stable norcaradiene embedded within its carbocyclic framework. Retrosynthetically, we envisioned constructing the norcaradiene of **76** by an intramolecular Buchner-type reaction¹⁰ of an appropriately functionalized α -diazo-carbonyl compound (**158**, Scheme 4.1). To enable elaboration of norcaradiene **158** to **76**, it was deemed critical to utilize a di-substituted diazo substrate that possessed a functional handle for installation of the γ -lactone (e.g. **159**, Y \neq H).

Scheme 4.1. Retrosynthetic analysis of salvileucalin B

However, a survey of the literature describing *intramolecular* Buchner-type reactions of diazo compounds revealed that subtle changes in the substrate can dramatically affect the yields of the norcaradiene products.¹¹ For example, in systems bearing three atoms between the arene and diazo group (Figure 4.1, **160**, $n = 1$), cyclopropanation is typically favored, since C-H insertion would produce a four-membered ring.^{11d} On the other hand, C-H insertion processes become competitive in substrates containing four-atom linkers (**160**, $n = 2$), since five-membered ring formation is facile. The diazo substitution also critically influences the ratio of arene cyclopropanation to C-H insertion.^{11d} Whereas terminal α -diazoketones (**160**, $Y = H$) are excellent substrates for arene cyclopropanation, the corresponding α -diazo- β -ketoesters (**160**, $Y = CO_2R$) strongly favor C-H insertion or carbene dimerization.¹² Finally, the metal catalyst and ligand framework also significantly influence the ratio of cyclopropanation to C-H insertion.^{11c,d}

Figure 4.1. Divergent reactivity: C-H insertion vs. cyclopropanation

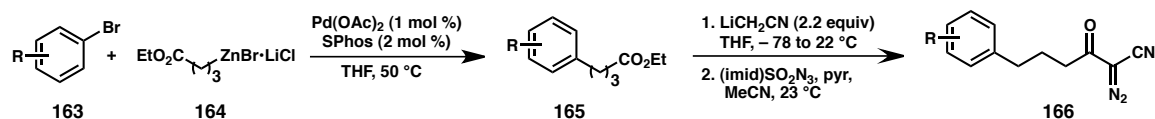
Consistent with the reactivity trends described above, there were no prior examples of intramolecular Buchner reactions to generate fully substituted cyclopropanes at the outset of our research. Moreover, there were no examples of intramolecular Buchner reactions using acceptor–acceptor (A–A) substituted diazo substrates possessing a four-atom linker, such as the α -diazo- β -ketoester (**160**, $\text{Y} = \text{CO}_2\text{Me}$) we envisioned utilizing in the synthesis of salvileucalin B. After extensive experimentation, we found that the α -diazo- β -ketonitrile moiety was unique among A–A substituted diazo substrates in its ability to undergo arene cyclopropanation, a discovery that led to the successful synthesis of **76** via the Cu-catalyzed cyclopropanation of **141** (Scheme 4.2).^{9b,c,13} Inspired by this novel reactivity and mindful of an apparent gap in the existing technology, we recognized that this transformation could potentially be of broad utility well beyond our synthetic studies toward salvileucalin B. Thus, we initiated a program aimed at investigating the cyclopropanation reactions of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles, the results of which are described herein.

Scheme 4.2. Cu-catalyzed cyclopropanation of **141**

4.3 INTRAMOLECULAR CYCLOPROPANATION OF α -DIAZO- β -KETONITRILES

4.3.1 Substrate Preparation and Catalyst Screening

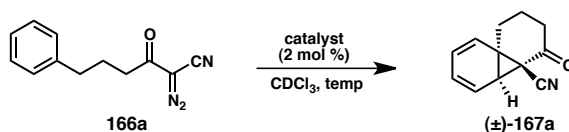
Our initial efforts focused on studying the reactivity of simple arylhexanone systems toward Buchner-type cyclopropanation. The α -diazo- β -ketonitriles (**166**) were easily prepared in three steps from aryl bromides **163** by Negishi cross coupling with organozinc **164**,¹⁴ homologation to the ketonitrile,^{9b} and diazo transfer¹⁵ (Scheme 4.3). This sequence allows facile access to a variety of arene substitution patterns from a range of commercially available aryl bromide starting materials.

Scheme 4.3. Substrate preparation

Using the parent phenyl substrate **166a**, a screen of metal complexes revealed that while Cu(hfacac)_2 provided norcaradiene **167a** in 54% yield, several dirhodium tetracarboxylate salts proved more effective (Table 4.1, entries 7–9, and 11). Of the Rh^{II}

catalysts investigated, the more electron-deficient catalysts provided higher yields of **167a** (entries 7–9). This trend is consistent with that reported by Padwa and coworkers, whose studies on the Buchner reactions of terminal diazo ketones determined that $\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$ favors cyclopropanation, while $\text{Rh}_2(\text{cap})_4$ favors C-H insertion.^{11d} The commercially available bridging carboxylate-containing catalyst $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ developed by Du Bois¹⁶ also cleanly provided **167a**.

Table 4.1. Catalyst Screen



Entry	Catalyst	Temperature (°C)	Norcaradiene Yield (%)
1	$\text{Cu}(\text{hfacac})_2$	90	24
2	$\text{Cu}(\text{hfacac})_2^b$	90	54
3	$\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$	120	4
4	$\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{salen})$	22	0
5	$\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{salen})$	120	0
6	$[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	120	0
7	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$	22	65 (70) ^c
8	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{tfa})_4$	22	54
9	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$	22	60 (65) ^c
10	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{cap})_4$	22	2
11	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$	22	58 (70) ^c

^a Yield determined by ^1H NMR analysis versus an internal standard. ^b 5 mol % of catalyst was employed. ^c Isolated yield, substrate was added by syringe pump to catalyst at -40°C .

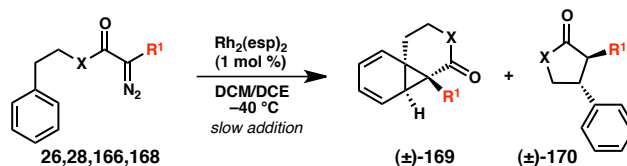
Taken together, these findings stand in contrast to our studies on the cyclopropanation of tetrasubstituted arene **141** (Scheme 4.2), which determined that $\text{Cu}(\text{hfacac})_2$ was optimal while Rh^{II} catalysts performed poorly.^{9b} We attribute this dichotomy in reactivity to the sensitivity of Rh^{II} catalysts to the steric profile of the substrate. Compound **141** is a particularly challenging substrate, since the geometric

constraints require cyclopropanation at the equivalent of a tetrasubstituted alkene, with the additional steric encumbrance of an *ortho*-substituent. Thus, the Rh-carbenoid derived from **141** encounters increased steric hindrance in the cyclopropanation transition state, which destabilizes this pathway relative to the more sterically accessible C-H insertion pathways.

On the other hand, our findings, as well as those of Mander and coworkers,^{11e} suggest that Cu carbenoids are less sensitive to substrate sterics and typically provide higher chemoselectivity for cyclopropanation over C-H insertion. However, the Cu-catalyzed reactions also require higher temperatures to initiate de-diazotization; the harsher reaction conditions can result in lower overall yields and the need for higher catalyst loadings, despite the often-improved chemoselectivity. Ultimately, these studies determined that for simple, sterically unencumbered arenes such as **166**, the best yields are obtained by slow addition of α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **166** to a solution of either Rh₂(esp)₂ or Rh₂(pfb)₄ as the catalyst (entries 7 and 11). All subsequent studies were conducted using the slow addition protocol and one of these two catalysts, as indicated.

4.3.2 Control Experiments and Reaction Scope

Our studies toward salvileucalin B revealed a profound effect by the diazo substitution on the product distribution of the reaction.^{9b} To systematically study this effect, a series of A–A diazo substrates was prepared (Table 4.2).

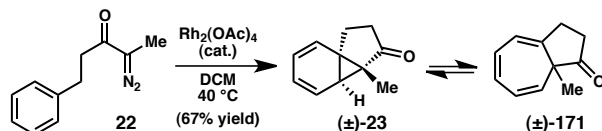
Table 4.2. Influence of diazo substitution on chemoselectivity

Entry	R ¹	X	Yield 169 (%)	Yield 170 (%)
1	H (26)	CH ₂	>95	ND
2	Me (28)	CH ₂	ND	43
3	COMe (168a)	CH ₂	ND	32
4	CO ₂ Me (168b)	CH ₂	ND	45
5	NO ₂ (168c)	CH ₂	ND	28
6	CN (166a)	CH ₂	70	ND
7	CO ₂ Me (168d)	NMe	ND	50

^aND = not detected.

Consistent with previous work in our group and by others, the terminal diazo compound (**26**, R¹ = H) was found to cleanly undergo arene cyclopropanation, delivering norcaradiene **27** in quantitative yield (entry 1). However, even the relatively minor perturbation of changing R¹ from proton to methyl drastically affected the chemoselectivity, with the reaction now favoring C-H insertion to give cyclopentanone **29** (entry 2). The propensity of **28** to undergo C-H insertion is in stark contrast to the corresponding 4-diazo-1-phenylpentan-3-one (**22**) – a compound containing one fewer methylene in the linker – which when treated with catalytic $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4$, is reported to provide an equilibrating mixture of norcaradiene **23** and cycloheptatriene **171** in 67% yield (Scheme 4.4). This divergent reactivity clearly reflects the preference for five- over four-membered ring formation.

Scheme 4.4. Kennedy and coworkers' arene cyclopropanation of 4-diazo-1-phenylpentan-3-one



A further investigation of substrates revealed that, in general, di-substituted diazo compounds containing four-atom linkers favor C-H insertion over arene cyclopropanation (Table 4.2). Thus, treatment of a variety of A–A substituted substrates ($\text{R}^1 = \text{COMe}$, CO_2Me , NO_2) with catalytic $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ provides modest yields of cyclopentanone **170**; in these cases, no norcaradiene is detected in the crude reaction mixture. The mass balance was determined by ^1H NMR and LCMS to be a mixture of dimerization products. Of the di-substituted diazo substrates evaluated here, α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **166a** was *uniquely* effective in providing the norcaradiene product (**167a**).¹⁷

In addition to studying the effect of diazo substitution, the influence of arene substitution on the yield of cyclopropanation was also evaluated (Table 4.3). Substrates bearing electron-donating groups (EDGs) in the *ortho*, *meta*, or *para* positions react efficiently with low catalyst loadings. However, in the case of *m*-substituted substrates (entries 9, 10), the resulting norcaradienes readily undergo C–C bond scission and rearomatization to produce the benzo-fused cycloheptanone products **167i** and **167j**.¹⁸ In contrast, norcaradienes with *p*- or *o*-EDGs (entries 2, 3, 12, and 13) are more stable and can be isolated when the reaction is quenched with pyridine (to attenuate the Lewis acidity of the residual rhodium) and chromatographically purified using Florisil.

Table 4.3. Scope of norcaradiene formation

Reaction scheme showing the conversion of α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **166a-o** to norcaradiene (\pm) -**167a-o** using $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ (1 mol %) in DCM/DCE at -40°C with slow addition.

Entry	Yield (%) ^a	Entry	Yield (%) ^a	Entry	Yield (%) ^a
1	70 70 ^b	6	36 64 ^b	11	66
2	80	7	20 50 ^b	12	81
3	90	8	31 40 ^b	13	47
4	67	9	93	14	<5 24 ^b
5	63 72 ^b	10	81	15	50 58 ^b

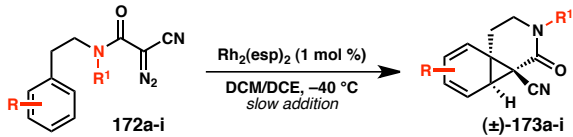
^a Isolated yield. ^b Conducted at 0°C using $\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$ (1 mol %) as catalyst.

Substrates bearing electron-withdrawing substituents also undergo arene cyclopropanation to provide stable norcaradienes; however, these systems are less reactive and the products are typically generated in lower yields using $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ under the standard reaction conditions (entries 5–7).¹⁹ Notably, for these substrates, use of the more reactive $\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$ catalyst provided better yields of the norcaradiene products. The use of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$ also delivered higher yields of the norcaradienes from more sterically encumbered substrates (entries 8, 14, 15). Only when using $\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$ with these more hindered α -diazo- β -ketonitrile systems do we observe detectable quantities of C-H insertion products (~5–10%). For unsymmetrical substrates (9–13, 15), the arene

cyclopropanation reaction occurs regioselectively at the less hindered site.^{11b,20} The exception is naphthyl substrate **166h**, which provides a modest yield of tetracycle **167h** due to competitive formation of the positional isomer and dimerization product. The electronic nature of the *m*- or *o*-substituent does not exert a significant effect with regard to regioselectivity (see entries 9–13).

A series of the analogous α -diazo- β -cyanoamides were also prepared and studied (Table 4.4). For these substrates, the norcaradiene products are stable and isolable regardless of the substitution pattern or purification method. Similar reactivity trends to those for the α -diazo- β -ketonitriles were observed; however, the yields of norcaradiene products were typically lower due to increased formation of carbene dimerization products.

Table 4.4. Buchner reaction of α -diazo- β -cyanoamides.

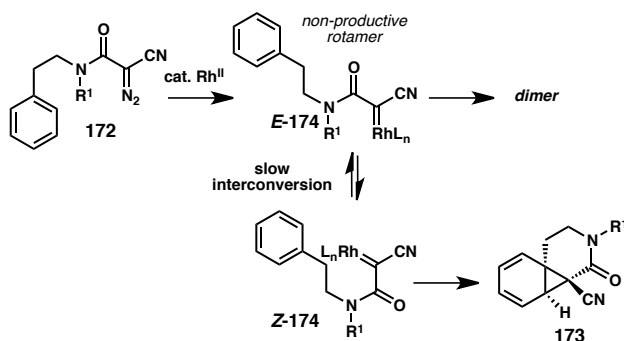
			
Entry	Yield (%) ^a	Entry	Yield (%) ^a
1	70	6	20
2	42	7	48
3	61	8	80
4	83	9	93
5	57		

^a Isolated yield.

It has been hypothesized by Wee^{12b,21} and others^{12a,22} that metal-carbenoids generated from amide-linked diazo substrates (**172**) exist as two slowly interconverting rotamers, (**Z**)-**174** and (**E**)-**174** (Scheme 4.5). Only (**Z**)-**174** is geometrically capable of arene cyclopropanation; if rotation around the amide bond is slow relative to the rate of the competing dimerization process, then the population of (**E**)-**174** could contribute to increased dimer formation while lowering the overall yield of norcaradiene **173**.

Two substrates were designed to probe this hypothesis. *N*-Substitution with a *tert*-butyl group (**172h**) was expected to increase the population of productive rotamer (**Z**)-**174** ($R^1 = t\text{-Bu}$), and thereby afford higher yields of norcaradiene. Consistent with this hypothesis, norcaradiene **173h** was isolated in 80% yield (Table 4.4, entry 8), an improvement relative to the 70% yield obtained for **173a**. Moreover, the symmetric diphenethyl substrate **172i** – in which the amide conformers are identical – provides norcaradiene **173i** in excellent yield (entry 9).

Scheme 4.5. Effects of amide rotamers on arene cyclopropanation

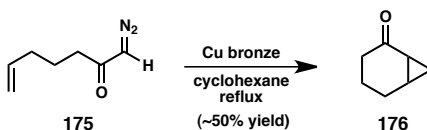


4.3.3 Intramolecular Cyclopropanation with Alkenes

Given the unique reactivity of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles for arene cyclopropanation, we sought to explore the analogous reactions of highly substituted alkenes. In contrast to the intramolecular Buchner reaction, intramolecular alkene cyclopropanation has been extensively investigated for the synthesis of natural and unnatural cyclopropanes. This area of diazo chemistry began in earnest in 1961, when Stork reported the first intramolecular metal-catalyzed cyclopropanation of a α -diazoketone (**175**, Scheme 4.6).²³ Since this work, the metal-catalyzed intramolecular cyclopropanation of alkenes with α -diazocarbonyl compounds has found widespread application in the synthesis of bicyclic structures with a range of substitution patterns and ring sizes.^{1a-e,24}

The intramolecular cyclopropanation reaction represents a powerful tool in the construction of complex molecular architectures. The cyclization event rapidly converts simple linear starting materials into bicyclic products adaptable for further transformation. The excellent stereocontrol inherent in the cyclization process imparts a distinct advantage over the analogous *intermolecular* reaction, where control of diastereoselectivity is a major consideration. This section examines selected examples of the title reaction in the context of total synthesis.

Scheme 4.6. *The First Catalytic Intramolecular Cyclopropanation of a Diazo Compound*



The intramolecular 2+1 cycloaddition of alkenes with α -diazocarbonyl compounds to form bicyclic systems typically proceeds in good yield and is tolerant of a wide range of tether patterns and alkene/arene substitution.^{1c,11f,24} Although the transition metal-catalyzed cyclopropanation of alkenes has been thoroughly studied, certain substrate classes are still problematic for the transformation. In particular, diazo compounds that bear four-atom linkers are especially susceptible to C-H insertion events to form cyclopentanones such as **170** (Table 4.2). The intramolecular cyclization of alkenes with di-substituted diazo compounds containing four-atom tethers is highly substrate dependent, and examples of both C-H insertion^{17c,25} and cyclopropanation^{4f,8c,26} exist. Furthermore, the *intramolecular* cyclopropanation of tri- and tetrasubstituted olefins with A–A substituted carbenoids remains under-developed. To our knowledge, there are very few examples of intramolecular metal-catalyzed cyclopropanation reactions of tri- and tetrasubstituted^{8a,22} alkenes using disubstituted diazo substrates.^{8a,27}

We were therefore pleased to find that the intramolecular cycloaddition of alkenyl α -diazo- β -ketonitriles proceeds smoothly under mild conditions (Table 4.5). In the case of tetrasubstituted alkene substrates **177b** and **177e–g**, the corresponding cyclopropane products contain three vicinal all-carbon quaternary centers, and are formed in good yields as single diastereomers.²⁸

Notably, the alkene cyclopropanation reactions are much less sensitive to water or parameters such as concentration, substrate addition rate, and temperature, than those of the corresponding aryl systems. Of all the alkenyl substrates tested in this report, only the unsaturated ester **177h** ($R^1 = H$, $R^2 = CO_2t\text{-Bu}$, $R^3 = Me$) failed to provide the desired cyclopropane, affording instead the C-H insertion product **179** (entry 8).²⁹ To our

knowledge, this is the first example of tetrasubstituted alkenes undergoing intramolecular cyclopropanation with A–A substituted carbenoids, and we anticipate that this diastereoselective reaction to prepare bi- and tricyclic compounds will find application in a variety of synthetic contexts.

Table 4.5. Cyclopropanation of various alkenes

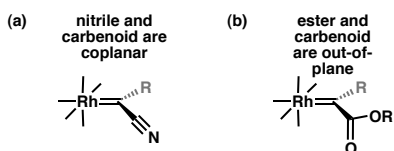
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Entry		Yield (%) ^a	Entry	Yield (%) ^a	
1		82	5		90
2		76	6		79
3		93	7		93
4		92	8		40

^a Isolated yield.

The unique propensity of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles toward arene and alkene cyclopropanation warrants some discussion. A significant difference between rhodium carbenoids derived from α -diazo- β -ketonitriles and α -diazo- β -ketoesters or other A–A substituted diazo compounds is the linear geometry of nitrile. Ester or ketone substituted carbenoids are proposed to adopt out-of-plane conformations in which the π -system of

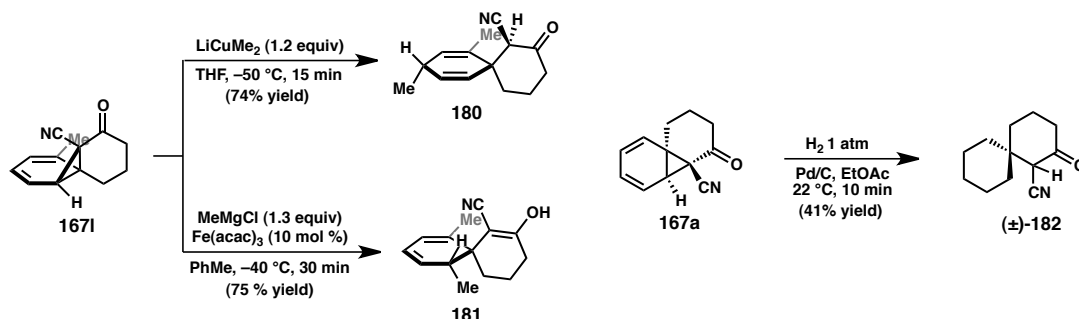
the carbonyl and the vacant 2p orbital of the carbenoid are orthogonal, preventing delocalization (Figure 4.2, b).³⁰ Alternatively, the nitrile is intrinsically coplanar with the Rh-carbenoid; this conformational effect likely enhances the electrophilicity of the carbenoid (Figure 4.2, a). That more electrophilic carbenoids favor cyclopropanation over C-H insertion is consistent with Padwa's reports on the ligand effects of dirhodium catalysts, which demonstrated that more electron deficient Rh complexes improve the ratio of cyclopropanation to C-H insertion.^{11d} Moreover, the relatively small steric profile of the nitrile likely minimizes destabilizing nonbonding interactions between the Rh-carbenoid and the arene/alkene during the cyclopropanation transition structure, while the out-of-plane conformations of esters or ketones sterically obstruct the approach of the arene/alkene to the carbenoid. Charette and coworkers recently proposed these effects to account for the unique reactivity to cyano-substituted carbenoids for asymmetric intermolecular cyclopropanation reactions.³¹ Similarly, Fox and coworkers propose that 5- and 6-membered *cyclic* Rh-carbenoids are constrained such that the carbonyl is more coplanar with the carbenoid, which minimizes steric interactions during intermolecular cyclopropanation reactions, allowing them to out-compete β -hydride migration.³²

Figure 4.2. Conformational considerations of acceptor substituted carbenoids



The remarkable reactivity of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles enables the preparation of highly substituted cyclopropanes with unprecedented chemical architectures, and we anticipated that these compounds could participate in a variety of ring-opening reactions. For example, A–A substituted vinyl cyclopropanes are known to undergo S_N2 and S_N2' -type ring-opening reactions.^{5a,b} We were therefore pleased to find that treatment of norcaradiene **167I** with lithium dimethylcuprate in THF results in S_N2' addition to provide spirofused bicyclic diene **180**,³³ which is isolated as a single diastereomer (Scheme 4.7).³⁴ Alternatively, **167I** undergoes clean S_N2 addition when treated with methylmagnesium chloride in the presence of catalytic $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$ to deliver the isomeric compound **181** as a single diastereomer.^{5c} Finally, we found that hydrogenation of **167a** with 1 atm of H_2 over Pd/C rapidly afforded the saturated spirocycle **182** in 41 % yield, constituting an orthogonal method to these bicyclic architectures.

Scheme 4.7. Various transformations of norcaradiene **167**

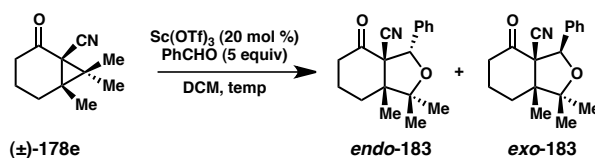


These transformations provide access to spirofused bicycles with complementary substitution patterns, and also highlight the utility of 7-cyano-7-keto-norcaradienes as substrates for stereocontrolled C–C bond formation. Furthermore, this demonstrates an

additional advantaged conferred by the cyano group, as this in concert with the ketone stabilizes the norcaradiene form and allows access to the cyclopropane for ring-opening reactions not possible for structures that favor the cycloheptatriene valence tautomer.

There is also extensive literature describing the transformations of *donor*-acceptor (D–A) cyclopropanes.^{5c,6a,6c} For example, D–A cyclopropanes are useful synthons to access 2,5-disubstituted tetrahydrofurans via Lewis acid-mediated aldehyde cycloaddition reactions.^{6d,26c} Although cyclopropanes such as **178e** lack a traditional donor groups (such as an arene, alkoxy, or amino substituent), we hypothesized that stabilization of the developing tertiary carbocation would enable cycloaddition.³⁵ We were pleased to find that treatment of **178e** with catalytic $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$ and excess benzaldehyde provides tetrahydrofuran **183** in excellent yield, albeit as a mixture of *endo* and *exo* diastereomers (Table 4.6).

Table 4.6. Cycloaddition of “donor”-acceptor cyclopropane **178e** with benzaldehyde

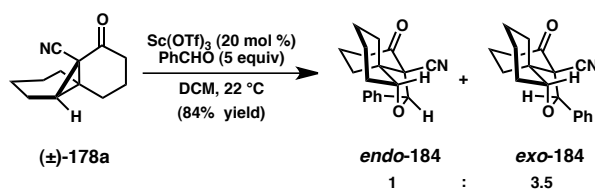


3+2 experiments.				
entry	Temp (°C)	Combined Yield (%)	<i>endo</i> -183 : <i>exo</i> -183	Yield Major (%)
1	– 20	80	3.4 : 1	61
2	40	85	1 : 3.3	65

^a Isolated yield.

Interestingly, the diastereoselectivity of the reaction was heavily dependent on the reaction temperature. At low temperatures, *endo*-diastereomer **183** is favored and can be isolated in 61% yield. Alternatively, when the reaction is conducted in refluxing dichloromethane, the thermodynamically more stable *exo*-product predominates (65% isolated yield). Indeed, control experiments revealed that re-exposure of *endo*-**183** to the reaction conditions results in equilibration to the same 3.3:1 *exo/endo* ratio as observed at 40 °C. Although aldehyde cycloaddition reactions of D–A cyclopropanes have been extensively studied by Johnson, Kerr, and others, examples of this transformation without a true donor component (e.g. phenyl, vinyl, alkoxy, etc.) are less common.^{6c,35-36} Similarly, we discovered that cyclopropane **178a** – bearing a secondary alkyl group as the “donor” – also cleanly reacts with benzaldehyde under standard conditions to give a mixture of diastereomeric tricycles in good yield (Scheme 4.8). These studies clearly demonstrate the high reactivity of the α -cyano- α -ketocyclopropanes in aldehyde cycloaddition reactions.³⁷

Scheme 4.8. Cycloaddition of “donor”–acceptor cyclopropane **178a** with benzaldehyde



4.4 CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the intramolecular cyclopropanation of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles has been investigated. Of particular importance, α -diazo- β -ketonitriles are shown to demonstrate unique reactivity in their propensity to undergo arene cyclopropanation; other similar A–A substituted diazo substrates fail to deliver the Buchner-type product, favoring instead C–H insertion processes. In addition, α -diazo- β -ketonitriles undergo highly efficient intramolecular cyclopropanation of tri- and tetrasubstituted alkenes, which in the latter case provides access to products containing three contiguous all-carbon quaternary centers. These types of highly functionalized cyclopropane products with other A–A motifs are challenging to prepare by cycloaddition chemistry. We have also demonstrated that the α -cyano- α -ketocyclopropane products serve as excellent substrates for S_N2 , S_N2' , and aldehyde cycloaddition reactions. The development and application of enantio- and diastereoselective intramolecular cyclopropanation reactions of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles is the subject of ongoing research in our laboratory.

4.5 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

4.5.1 Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using freshly dried solvents. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), methylene chloride (CH_2Cl_2), acetonitrile (MeCN), dimethylformamide (DMF), and toluene (PhMe) were dried by passing through activated alumina columns. Triethylamine (Et_3N) was distilled over calcium hydride prior to use. Unless otherwise stated, chemicals and reagents were used as received. *N*-Methyl-2-phenylacetamide was purchased from Acros Organics. Scandium triflate ($\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$), iron acetylacetonate ($\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$), palladium acetate ($\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$) and all rhodium and copper catalysts were purchased from either Strem or Sigma-Aldrich. Cobalt and iridium catalysts were purchased from Strem. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using EMD/Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (0.25 mm) and were visualized by UV, *p*-anisaldehyde, or KMnO_4 staining. Flash column chromatography was performed either as described by Still et al. (Still, W. C.; Kahn, M.; Mitra, A. J. *Org. Chem.* **1978**, *43*, 2923) using silica gel (particle size 0.032-0.063) purchased from Silicycle or Florisil (100 – 200 mesh) purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 300 MR (at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively) or a Varian Inova 500 (at 500 MHz and 126 MHz, respectively), and are reported relative to internal CHCl_3 (^1H , $\delta = 7.26$) and CDCl_3 (^{13}C , $\delta = 77.0$). Data for ^1H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicity and qualifier abbreviations are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad, app = apparent. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer

Paragon 1000 spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm^{-1}).

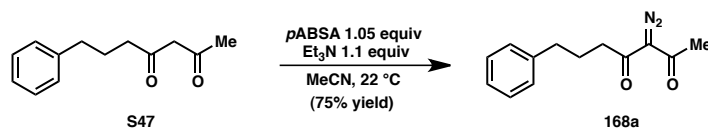
HRMS were acquired using an Agilent 6200 Series TOF with an Agilent G1978A Multimode source in electrospray ionization (ESI), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI), or mixed (MM) ionization mode. Preparative HPLC was performed with an Agilent 1100 Series HPLC utilizing an Agilent Eclipse XDB-C18 $5\mu\text{m}$ column (9.4 x 250 mm) or an Agilent Zorbax RX-SIL $5\mu\text{m}$ column (9.4 x 250 mm). Melting points were determined using a Büchi B-545 capillary melting point apparatus and the values reported are uncorrected.

4.5.2 Preparative Procedures and Spectroscopic Data

Catalyst Screen: General Procedure for Diazoketone **166a** (Table 4.1)

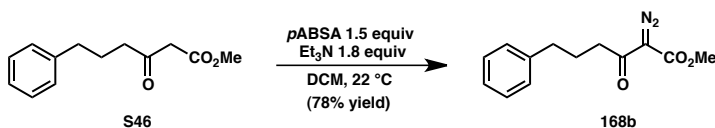
Method A (Entries 1-6): A sealed 1 mL microwave vial equipped with a stir bar was flushed with N₂ and charged with a stock solution of α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **166a** (0.005 mmol) and 1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene (0.005 mmol) in CDCl₃ (400 μ L), followed by the catalyst (0.0001 mmol) in CDCl₃ (100 μ L). The solution was heated in a Biotage Initiator microwave reactor to the indicated temperature for 1 min (ramp time required 2 min). TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting material. The solution was transferred to a NMR tube and the yield of cyclopropane **167a** was determined relative to the ratio of **166a**:1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene in the stock solution.

Method B (Entries 7-11): A sealed 1 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was flushed with N₂ and charged with a stock solution of α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **166a** (0.005 mmol) and 1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene (0.005 mmol) in CDCl₃ (400 μ L), followed by the rhodium catalyst (0.0001 mmol) in CDCl₃ (100 μ L). The solution was stirred for 2 hours under nitrogen. TLC analysis confirmed consumption of the starting material. The solution was transferred to an NMR tube and the yield of cyclopropane **167a** was determined relative to the ratio of **166a**:1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene in the stock solution.

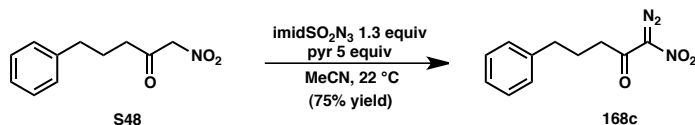
Preparation of 3-diazo-7-phenylheptane-2,4-dione (168a)

A 50 mL round bottom flask was charged with diketone **S47**[‡] (0.71 g, 3.48 mmol) and para-acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (0.87 g, 1.66 mmol). The headspace was swept with nitrogen and MeCN (12 mL) was charged, followed by cooling to 0°C in an ice bath. Triethylamine (0.53 mL, 3.82 mmol) was added in one portion and a slurry quickly resulted. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 hour, at which point TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction was quenched with 2M NaOH and extracted with DCM . The organic layer was cut, acidified to $\text{pH} = 5$ with 5% aqueous acetic acid, washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0 \rightarrow 20% EtOAc /hexanes), yielding diazo diketone **168a** (0.60 g, 75% yield) as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 (m, 3H), 2.73 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 190.54 (broad), 188.31 (broad), 141.18, 128.35, 128.33, 125.97, 83.95, 39.64, 34.90, 28.50, 25.42; FTIR (NaCl , thin film) 3061, 3026, 2936, 2860, 2117, 1682, 1651, 1496, 1454, 1372, 1286, 1228 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^- - \text{N}_2$ 201.0921, found 201.0918.

[‡] Zhang, Y.; Jiao, J.; Flowers, R. A., II; *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 4516.

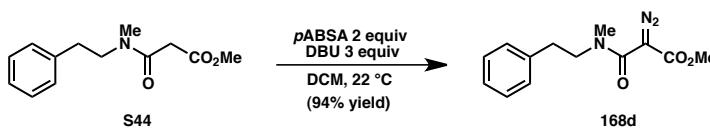
Preparation of methyl 2-diazo-3-oxo-6-phenylhexanoate (168b)

A 25 mL round bottom flask was charged with β -ketoester **S46** (0.25 g, 1.13 mmol) and para-acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (0.40 g, 1.66 mmol). The headspace was swept with nitrogen and DCM (20 mL) was charged, followed by cooling to 0 °C in an ice bath. Triethylamine (0.29 mL, 2.06 mmol) was added in one portion and a clear yellow solution resulted. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature slowly overnight, during which time a flocculent white precipitate occurred. After TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction was quenched with 2M NaOH. The organic layer was cut, acidified to pH = 5 with 5% aqueous acetic acid, washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→20% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding α -diazo- β -ketoester **168b** (0.22 g, 94% yield) as a bright yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 192.27, 161.56, 141.49, 128.32, 128.17, 125.74, 75.60, 51.98, 39.46, 35.06, 25.75; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3026, 2952, 2858, 2135, 1731, 1603, 1496, 1435, 1375, 1311, 1223 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₃N₂O₃ [*M*-H]⁻ 245.0932, found 245.0929.

Preparation of 1-diazo-1-nitro-5-phenylpentan-2-one (168c)

To a 20 mL vial was added the nitro ketone **S48** (115 mg, 0.56 mmol) followed by acetonitrile (2 mL) and imidazole sulfonyl azide (127 mg, 0.80 mmol). Pyridine (210 mg, 2.78 mmol) was charged and dark red mixture was stirred at 22 °C under an air atmosphere. After 30 seconds a white precipitate occurred. After TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material (2 hours) the solvent of the dark red mixture was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→15% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding the α -diazo- β -ketonitro compound **168c** (97 mg, 75% yield) as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 3.04 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 186.57, 140.96, 128.39, 126.08, 112.15 (broad), 40.11, 34.84, 25.07; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3026, 2938, 2860, 2139, 1664, 1509, 1453, 1317, 1235, 1167 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 234.0879, found 234.0868.

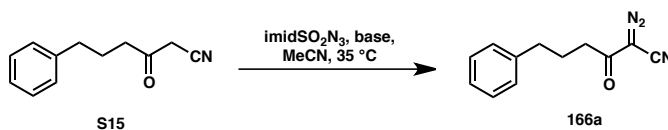
Preparation of methyl 2-diazo-3-(methyl(phenethyl)amino)-3-oxopropanoate (**168d**)



A 25 mL round bottom flask was charged with β -ketoamide **S44** (0.27 g, 1.18 mmol) and para-acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (0.56 g, 2.36 mmol). The headspace was swept with nitrogen and DCM (5 mL) was charged, followed by cooling to 0 °C in an ice bath. 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (0.52 mL, 3.53 mmol) was added in one portion and a clear yellow solution resulted. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature slowly overnight. After TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the

starting material, the reaction was quenched with 2M NaOH. The organic layer was cut, acidified to pH = 5 with 5% aqueous acetic acid, washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding α -diazo- β -amido ester **168d** (0.29 g, 94% yield) as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.60 (m, 2H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.91 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 162.63, 161.18, 138.46, 128.73, 128.49, 126.48, 66.11, 59.69, 52.14, 51.50 (broad), 36.43 (broad), 33.74; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3026, 2952, 2861, 2223, 1715, 1629, 1483, 1435, 1400, 1301, 1082 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 262.1186, found 262.1184.

General procedure 1 for the synthesis of α -diazo- β -keto nitriles.[§]

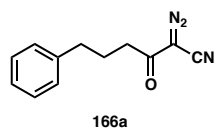


To a 20 mL vial was added the keto nitrile substrate **S15** (0.26 mmol, 1.00 equiv) followed by acetonitrile (2 mL) and either imidazole sulfonyl azide or the corresponding HCl salt (0.29 mmol, 1.10 equiv). Pyridine (1.135 mmol, 5 equiv) was charged and the light yellow mixture was heated to 35 °C sealed under an air atmosphere. After 10 minutes a white precipitate occurred. After TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material (typically 3 to 6 hours) the solvent of the dark red mixture was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica

[§] Goddard-Borger, E. D.; Stick, R. V. *Org. Lett.* **2007**, 9, 3797.

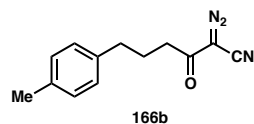
gel chromatography to afford the α -diazo- β -keto nitriles products, eluting as a distinct yellow band on the column.

2-Diazo-3-oxo-6-phenylhexanenitrile (**166a**)

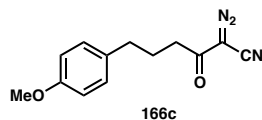


The reaction was run on 3.70 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 500 mg (64% yield) of **166a** as a bright yellow oil, which solidified on standing to a bright yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 2.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.85, 140.65, 128.43, 128.39, 128.39, 128.37, 126.16, 108.32, 57.20, 38.59, 34.75, 25.59; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3062, 3027, 2936, 2863, 2222, 2127, 1682, 1497, 1454, 1372, 1212 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 186.0913, found 186.0924.

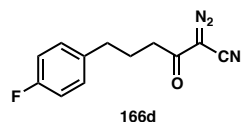
2-Diazo-3-oxo-6-(*p*-tolyl)hexanenitrile (**166b**)



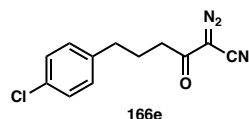
The reaction was run on 0.44 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 82 mg (83% yield) of **166b** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.91, 137.54, 135.62, 129.10, 128.26, 108.34, 57.17, 38.62, 34.30, 25.70, 20.93; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3192, 2923, 2861, 2221, 2126, 1677, 1515, 1454, 1372, 1212, 1180 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 200.1070, found 200.1071.

2-Diazo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (166c)

The reaction was run on 0.92 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 164 mg (74% yield) of **166c** as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 1.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 189.90, 157.91, 132.66, 129.26, 113.78, 108.33, 57.15, 55.14, 38.54, 33.81, 25.80; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3002, 2935, 2833, 2221, 2126, 1675, 1610, 1512, 1454, 1245, 1177 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₃N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 243.1008, found 243.1015.

2-Diazo-6-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (166d)

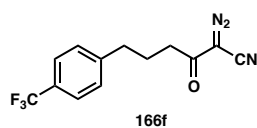
The reaction was run on 1.08 mmol scale for 4 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 200 mg (77% yield) of **166d** as a bright yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 2.64 (m, 4H), 2.00 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 189.73, 161.34 (d, J_{C-F} = 243.8 Hz), 136.30 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 129.71 (d, J_{C-F} = 7.8 Hz), 115.17 (d, J_{C-F} = 21.0 Hz), 108.30, 57.24, 38.45, 33.91, 25.69; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2930, 2862, 2222, 2126, 1676, 1600, 1508, 1218 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C₁₂H₁₀FN₃O [M]⁺ 231.0808, found 231.0817.

6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-diazo-3-oxohexanenitrile (166e)

The reaction was run on 0.91 mmol scale for 4 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 110 mg (50% yield) of **166e** as a bright yellow oil. ¹H NMR

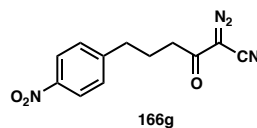
(CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 2.63 (m, 4H), 2.00 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 189.71, 139.12, 131.95, 129.74, 128.58, 108.30, 57.30, 38.49, 34.13, 25.50; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2935, 2863, 2222, 2128, 1676, 1492, 1407, 1373, 1180 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₂H₉ClN₃O [M-H]⁻ 246.0440, found 246.0437.

2-Diazo-3-oxo-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexanenitrile (**166f**)



The reaction was run on 0.60 mmol scale for 4 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 111 mg (67% yield) of **166f** as a bright yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 189.58, 144.84 (q, J_{C-F} = 1.3 Hz), 128.71, 128.59 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.2 Hz), 125.42 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 124.20 (q, J_{C-F} = 271.7 Hz), 108.27, 57.36, 38.47, 34.60, 25.29; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2934, 2869, 2224, 2129, 1681, 1618, 1417, 1327, 1163 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₃H₉F₃N₃O [M-H]⁻ 280.0703, found 280.0698.

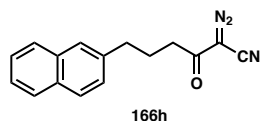
2-Diazo-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**166g**)



The reaction was run on 0.26 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 39 mg (57% yield) of **166g** as a bright yellow solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 189.35, 148.57, 146.55, 129.17, 123.75, 108.21, 57.45, 38.34, 34.60, 25.04; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3109, 3077, 2937,

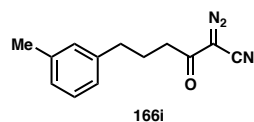
2866, 2222, 2130, 1677, 1598, 1515, 1364, 1182 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^- - \text{N}_2$ 229.0619, found 229.0629.

2-Diazo-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**166h**)

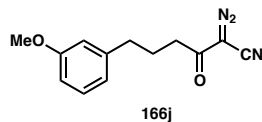


The reaction was run on 0.57 mmol scale for 4 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (85:15 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 120 mg (80% yield) of **166h** as a bright yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.80, 138.14, 133.44, 132.05, 128.09, 127.54, 127.37, 126.98, 126.59, 125.99, 125.32, 108.32, 57.22, 38.58, 34.91, 25.48; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3027, 2954, 2913, 2867, 2223, 2128, 1674, 1597, 1455, 1400, 1273 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 263.1059, found 263.1069.

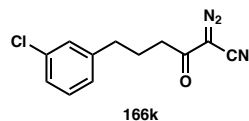
2-Diazo-3-oxo-6-(*m*-tolyl)hexanenitrile (**166i**)



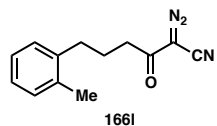
The reaction was run on 0.81 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 159 mg (86% yield) of **166i** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 4H), 2.63 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 2H), 2.02 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.94, 140.60, 138.05, 129.21, 128.35, 126.91, 125.40, 108.34, 57.19, 38.67, 34.70, 25.64, 21.33; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3020, 2924, 2862, 2221, 2126, 1677, 1608, 1456, 1371, 1211, 1182 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 200.1070, found 200.1071.

2-Diazo-6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (166j)

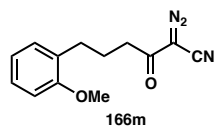
The reaction was run on 0.38 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 72 mg (79% yield) of **166j** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.21 (t, $J = 7.8$, 1H), 6.75 (m, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.64 (m, 4H), 2.02 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.84, 159.63, 142.27, 129.41, 120.74, 114.08, 111.45, 108.32, 57.19, 55.07, 38.56, 34.76, 25.45; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3002, 2940, 2836, 2221, 2125, 1682, 1601, 1583, 1488, 1454, 1371, 1258 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 216.1019, found 216.1016.

6-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-diazo-3-oxohexanenitrile (166k)

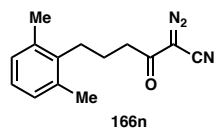
The reaction was run on 0.61 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (85:15 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 120 mg (80% yield) of **166k** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.05 (m, 1H), 2.64 (m, 4H), 2.00 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.60, 142.73, 134.19, 129.71, 128.46, 126.56, 126.39, 108.26, 57.29, 38.43, 34.39, 25.31; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3062, 2937, 2865, 2221, 2127, 1678, 1597, 1574, 1475, 1372, 1205 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{OCl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 248.0591, found 248.0585.

2-Diazo-3-oxo-6-(*o*-tolyl)hexanenitrile (166l)

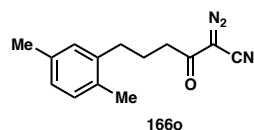
The reaction was run on 1.54 mmol scale for 3 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 277 mg (80% yield) of **166l** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.13 (m, 4H), 2.67 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.98 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.78, 138.90, 135.88, 130.25, 128.81, 126.26, 125.95, 108.33, 57.15, 38.88, 32.23, 24.29, 19.13; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3016, 2945, 2868, 2221, 2127, 1682, 1493, 1461, 1371, 1168 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 228.1173, found 228.1148.

2-Diazo-6-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (166m)

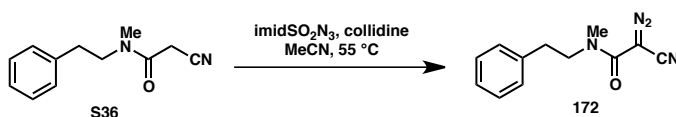
The reaction was run on 0.35 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 66 mg (78% yield) of **166m** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.20 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.68 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 190.13, 157.40, 130.01, 129.06, 127.47, 120.39, 110.20, 108.41, 56.98, 55.12, 38.91, 29.26, 24.20; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3002, 2938, 2836, 2221, 2126, 1677, 1600, 1586, 1494, 1464, 1370, 1243, 1179 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 216.1019, found 216.1020.

2-Diazo-6-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (166n)

The reaction was run on 2.79 mmol scale for 16 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 525 mg (78% yield) of **166n** as a bright yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.04 (m, 3H), 2.77 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 1.89 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.69, 137.75, 135.99, 128.13, 125.92, 108.36, 57.12, 39.43, 28.85, 23.27, 19.68; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3016, 2955, 2221, 2127, 1677, 1467, 1369, 1189 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^- - \text{N}_2$ 212.1081, found 212.1091.

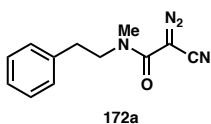
2-Diazo-6-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (166o)

The reaction was run on 0.73 mmol scale for 4 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 150 mg (86% yield) of **166o** as a bright yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.05 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (m, 2H), 2.69 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.83, 138.72, 135.34, 132.68, 130.17, 129.64, 126.92, 108.34, 57.13, 38.91, 32.24, 24.41, 20.85, 18.66; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2919, 2868, 2220, 2129, 1672, 1503, 1454, 1376, 1180 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 242.1293, found 242.1284.

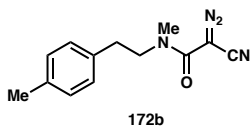
General procedure 2 for the synthesis of α -diazo-cyanoacetamides.

To a 20 mL vial was added the cyanoacetamide substrate **S36** (1.63 mmol, 1.00 equiv) followed by acetonitrile (5 mL) and either imidazole sulfonyl azide³ or the corresponding HCl salt (1.79 mmol, 1.10 equiv). 2,4,6-Collidine (8.15 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was charged and the light yellow mixture was heated to 55 °C sealed under an air atmosphere. A white precipitate occurred after 3 hours. After TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material (typically 24 hours) the solvent of the dark red mixture was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the α -diazo-cyanoacetamides products, eluting as a distinct yellow band on the column.

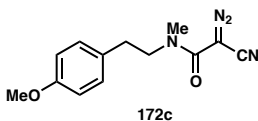
2-Cyano-2-diazo-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenethylacetamide (**172a**)



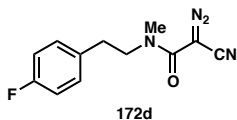
The reaction was run on 1.63 mmol scale for 24 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 273 mg (73% yield) of **172a** as a bright yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 3H), 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 158.90, 137.77 (broad), 128.76, 128.63, 126.72, 109.89, 52.56 (broad), 51.89, 36.31 (broad), 34.08 (broad); FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3026, 2930, 2860, 2213, 2120, 1636, 1631, 1481, 1453, 1399, 1216 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₂H₁₃N₂O [M+H]⁺ - N₂ 201.1022, found 201.1019.

2-Cyano-2-diazo-N-methyl-N-(4-methylphenethyl)acetamide (172b)

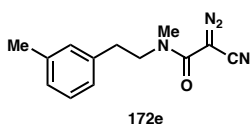
The reaction was run on 0.787 mmol scale for 24 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 140 mg (74% yield) of **172b** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.12 (s, 4H), 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.86 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 158.83, 136.22, 134.57 (broad), 129.26, 128.61, 109.88, 52.50 (broad), 51.95, 36.24 (broad), 33.62 (broad), 20.92; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2923, 2859, 2213, 2120, 1636, 1399, 1214 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 215.1179, found 215.1172.

2-Cyano-2-diazo-N-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-N-methylacetamide (172c)

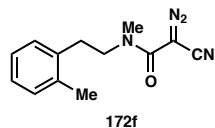
The reaction was run on 3.01 mmol scale for 18 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 530 mg (68% yield) of **172c** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.86 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.84 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 158.83, 158.33, 129.74, 114.00, 109.91, 55.15, 52.53 (broad), 52.04, 36.26 (broad), 33.18 (broad); FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3030, 2995, 2934, 2835, 2214, 2121, 1636, 1612, 1513, 1481, 1399, 1302, 1247, 1178 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 231.1128, found 231.1119.

2-Cyano-2-diazo-N-(4-fluorophenethyl)-N-methylacetamide (172d)

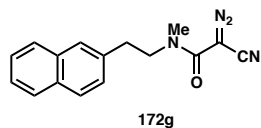
The reaction was run on 4.10 mmol scale for 24 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 624 mg (62% yield) of **172d** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.01 (m, 2H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.88 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 162.58, 160.63, 158.87, 133.35 (broad), 130.17 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.0 Hz), 115.47, 115.30, 109.81, 52.49 (broad), 51.74, 36.19 (broad), 33.14 (broad); FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3069, 3040, 2934, 2860, 2215, 2122, 1633, 1510, 1482, 1398, 1219 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{FO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 219.0928, found 219.0936.

2-Cyano-2-diazo-N-methyl-N-(3-methylphenethyl)acetamide (172e)

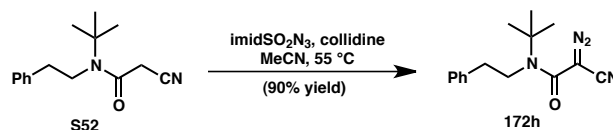
The reaction was run on 2.92 mmol scale for 24 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 476 mg (67% yield) of **172e** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.05 (m, 3H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 158.82, 138.18, 137.61 (broad), 129.49, 128.45, 127.36, 125.67, 109.82, 52.46 (broad), 51.88, 36.23 (broad), 33.92 (broad), 21.21; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3014, 2928, 2863, 2214, 2120, 1634, 1482, 1398, 1215 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 215.1179, found 215.1171.

2-Cyano-2-diazo-N-methyl-N-(2-methylphenethyl)acetamide (172f)

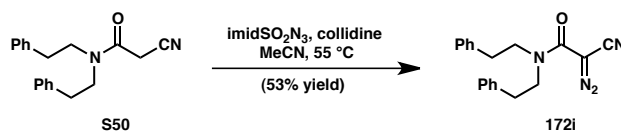
The reaction was run on 0.74 mmol scale for 24 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 95 mg (53% yield) of **172f** as a bright yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.16 (m, 4H), 3.59 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, 2H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.91 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 158.94, 136.12, 135.99 (broad), 130.48, 129.53, 126.94, 126.25, 109.87, 52.55 (broad), 50.72, 36.45 (broad), 31.35 (broad), 29.66, 19.19; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3014, 2928, 2863, 2214, 2120, 1634, 1482, 1398, 1215 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 215.1179, found 215.1171.

2-Cyano-2-diazo-N-methyl-N-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)acetamide (172g)

The reaction was run on 1.98 mmol scale for 18 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 390 mg (71% yield) of **172g** as a bright yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.06 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 158.94, 135.24 (broad), 133.46, 132.23, 128.33, 127.58, 127.44, 127.30 (broad), 126.99, 126.14, 125.61, 109.90, 52.58 (broad), 51.83, 36.40 (broad), 34.26 (broad); FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3051, 3019, 2932, 2859, 2213, 2120, 1636, 1481, 1399, 1309, 1220, 1083 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 251.1179, found 251.1171.

Preparation of *N*-(*t*-butyl)-2-cyano-2-diazo-*N*-phenethylacetamide (172h)

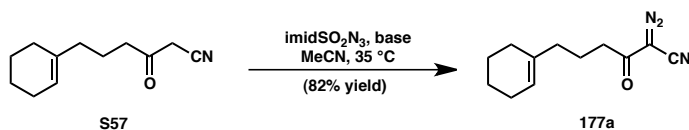
Compound **172h** was synthesized according to general procedure 2. The reaction was run on 0.13 mmol scale for 18 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 31 mg (90% yield) of **172h** as a bright yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (m, 5H), 3.67 (m, 2H), 2.95 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 159.83, 137.59, 128.83, 128.71, 126.92, 110.67, 59.71, 54.61, 47.28, 37.88, 28.98; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3027, 2975, 2928, 2211, 2120, 1633, 1454, 1386, 1364, 1181 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₅H₁₉N₂O [M+H]⁺ -N₂ 243.1492, found 243.1490.

Preparation of 2-cyano-2-diazo-*N,N*-diphenethylacetamide (172i)

Compound **172i** was synthesized according to general procedure 2. The reaction was run on 0.68 mmol scale for 24 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 115 mg (53% yield) of **172i** as a bright yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.22 (m, 6H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 158.63, 137.76 (broad), 128.78, 128.63, 126.73, 110.09, 52.99, 50.44, 34.55 (broad); FTIR (NaCl, thin film)

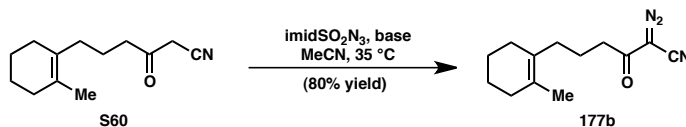
3025, 2929, 2859, 2212, 2120, 1638, 1453, 1419, 1217 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 291.1492, found 291.1483.

Preparation of 6-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-2-diazo-3-oxohexanenitrile (**177a**)



Compound **177a** was synthesized according to general procedure 1. The reaction was run on 1.05 mmol scale for 3 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 179 mg (82% yield) of **177a** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 5.42 (dt, $J = 2.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 (m, 4H), 1.89 (m, 3H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 190.20, 136.07, 122.36, 108.41, 57.05, 38.65, 36.95, 27.79, 25.11, 22.76, 22.30, 22.05; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2928, 2835, 2221, 2126, 1682, 1438, 1367, 1211 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^- - \text{N}_2$ 188.1081, found 188.1077.

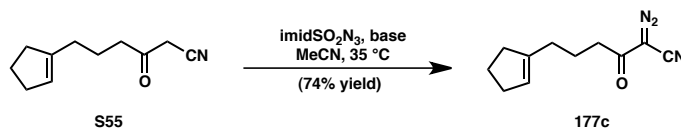
Preparation of 2-diazo-6-(2-methylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**177b**)



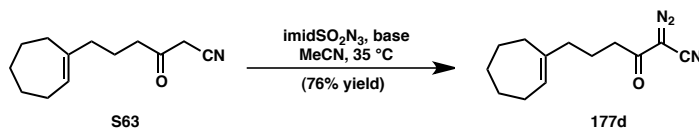
Compound **177b** was synthesized according to general procedure 1. The reaction was run on 0.54 mmol scale for 6 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 98 mg (80% yield) of **177b** as a bright yellow oil. This compound was subjected to preparative HPLC (SiO_2 column, 5%

EtOAc/Hexanes, 5 mL/min) to achieve higher isomeric purity. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as a >95:5 mixture of alkene isomers, only major **177b** peaks are reported) δ 2.58 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.04 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.90 (m, 4H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.55 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a >95:5 mixture of alkene isomers, only major **177b** peaks are reported) δ 190.23, 128.39, 127.62, 108.44, 56.97, 39.06, 32.27, 31.77, 29.24, 23.32, 23.22, 22.63, 19.05; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2925, 2858, 2221, 2127, 1684, 1437, 1368, 1238 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO} [\text{M}-\text{H}]^- - \text{N}_2$ 202.1237, found 202.1233.

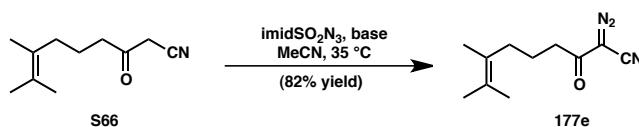
Preparation of 6-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-2-diazo-3-oxohexanenitrile (**177c**)



Compound **177c** was synthesized according to general procedure 1. The reaction was run on 1.16 mmol scale for 10 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 174 mg (74% yield) of **177c** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 5.35 (m, 1H), 2.59 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 190.13, 142.92, 124.69, 108.41, 57.10, 38.89, 34.68, 32.34, 30.12, 23.30, 22.20; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2934, 2838, 2221, 2123, 1675, 1438, 1367, 1179 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO} [\text{M}-\text{H}]^- - \text{N}_2$ 174.0924, found 174.0919.

Preparation of 6-(cyclohept-1-en-1-yl)-2-diazo-3-oxohexanenitrile (177d)

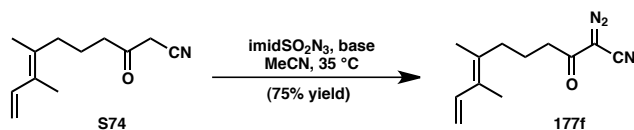
Compound **177d** was synthesized according to general procedure 1. The reaction was run on 1.15 mmol scale for 10 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 200 mg (76% yield) of **177d** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 5.56 (tt, $J = 6.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 (m, 4H), 2.01 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.46 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 190.21, 142.84, 127.41, 108.39, 57.07, 39.09, 38.61, 32.44, 32.30, 28.17, 27.13, 26.69, 22.26; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2920, 2847, 2221, 2127, 1676, 1446, 1366, 1211, 1180 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 204.1383, found 204.1375.

Preparation of 2-diazo-7,8-dimethyl-3-oxonon-7-enenitrile (177e)

Compound **177e** was synthesized according to general procedure 1. The reaction was run on 0.36 mmol scale for 3 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 500 mg (64% yield) of **177e** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 2.58 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 6H), 1.63 (q, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 190.19, 126.11, 125.57, 108.43, 56.96, 38.95, 33.25, 22.57, 20.51, 20.14, 18.07; FTIR (NaCl, thin

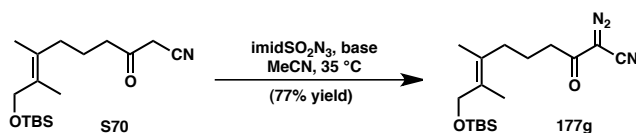
film) 2987, 2918, 2861, 2222, 2128, 1676, 1451, 1372, 1216 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 178.1227, found 178.1228.

Preparation of (*E*)-2-diazo-7,8-dimethyl-3-oxodeca-7,9-dienenitrile (**177f**)



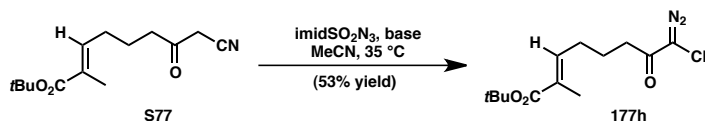
Compound **177f** was synthesized according to general procedure 1. The reaction was run on 0.414 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 67 mg (75% yield) of **177f** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 6.81 (dd, $J = 17.2, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dd, $J = 17.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, $J = 10.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 (m, 2H), 1.80 (m, 83H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 189.95, 135.69, 133.64, 127.96, 112.07, 108.40, 57.10, 39.02, 34.56, 22.42, 18.15, 13.39; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2954, 2916, 2872, 2220, 2124, 1675, 1374, 1219 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}^\bullet]^+$ 217.1215, found 217.1219.

Preparation of α -diazo- β -ketonitrile (**177g**)

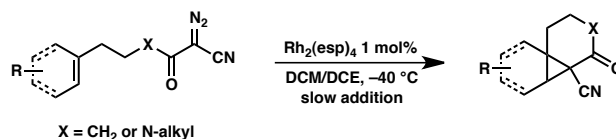


Compound **177g** was synthesized according to general procedure 1. The reaction was run on 0.64 mmol scale for 5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 500 mg (77% yield) of **177g** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.60 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 6H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 190.05, 129.63, 128.79, 108.38, 63.75, 57.04, 39.02, 33.76, 25.94, 22.20, 18.38, 17.64, 15.47, -5.25; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2954, 2928, 2856, 2221, 2128, 1679, 1471, 1361, 1251 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 308.2040, found 308.2038.

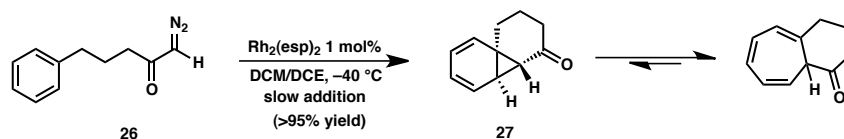
Preparation of a-diazo-b-ketonitriles (**177h**)



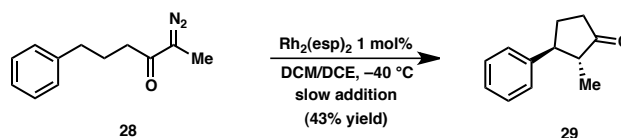
Compound **177h** was synthesized according to general procedure 1. The reaction was run on 0.757 mmol scale for 12 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 111 mg (53% yield) of **177h** as a bright yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.59 (tq, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 189.62, 167.13, 138.79, 130.46, 108.26, 80.10, 57.25, 38.71, 28.00, 27.59, 23.00, 12.40; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2977, 2932, 2222, 2129, 1703, 1678, 1456, 1367, 1289, 1160 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ - \text{N}_2$ 250.1438, found 250.1443.

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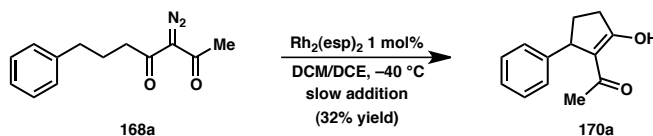
In a glovebox an oven-dried 20 mL vial containing a stirbar was charged with bis[rhodium($\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ -tetramethyl-1,3-benzenedipropionic acid)] ($\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$, 0.001 mmol, 0.01 equiv) and anhydrous DCM (3 mL). The diazo compound (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) was dried azeotropically with benzene, and dissolved with DCM (2.0 mL) in a high recovery vial. The catalyst and diazo solution were cooled to $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in appropriately sized well plates by a NesLab chiller. A Free Slate[®] robotic system (<http://www.freeslate.com>), equipped with a needle-bearing robotic arm and a backing solvent line containing 1,2-dichloroethane, was utilized to perform a slow addition of the diazo species to the rhodium catalyst. In a typical experiment 5 mL of the diazo/DCM solution was withdrawn by the robotic arm needle, positioned over the stirring catalyst solution, and dispensed at a rate of 70 mL/sec with a 10 mL DCE backing solvent wash. A 30 second delay occurred before initiation of another addition cycle. This loop was repeated until the entirety of the diazo solution was transferred to the catalyst (~3 hours), and the reaction was allowed to warm to rt, sealed and removed from the glovebox. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography or Florisil (for more sensitive norcaradienes) to afford the norcaradiene (or cyclopropane) products. For certain norcaradiene substrates upon purification the ring opened aromatized product was isolated.

Preparation of cycloheptatriene (27)

Compound **27** was synthesized according to general procedure 3. The reaction was run with 28 mg (0.15 mmol) of α -diazoketone **26**,⁴ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to afford 23.5 mg (>95% yield) of **27** as a white solid, of greater than 95% purity by ^1H NMR. The spectral data is consistent with that reported in the literature.⁴ Product **27** was unstable to either Florisil or silica gel chromatography.

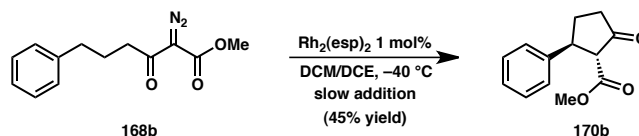
Preparation of *trans*-2-methyl-3-phenylcyclopentanone (29)

Compound **29** was synthesized according to general procedure 3. The reaction was run with 22 mg (0.11 mmol) of α -diazo methyl ketone **28**,⁴ and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) followed by preparative HPLC (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 8.2 mg (43% yield) of **29** as a white solid. The spectral data is consistent with that reported in the literature.⁴

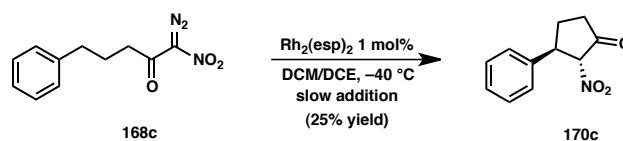
Preparation of 1-(2-hydroxy-5-phenylcyclopent-1-en-1-yl)ethanone (170a)

Compound **170a** was synthesized according to general procedure 3. The reaction was run with 27 mg (0.12 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto ketone **168a**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) followed by preparative HPLC (85:15 Hexanes:EtOAc, SiO₂ column, 5 mL/min) to afford 7.6 mg (32% yield) of **170a** as a colorless oil. The *trans* stereochemical relationship in the ketone tautomer product was assigned based coupling constant analysis and comparison to related systems.^{**} ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, compound exists as a 3:1 mixture of enol : keto tautomers, enol tautomer designated by *, keto tautomer denoted by §) δ 7.31 (m, 2H*, 2H§), 7.20 (m, 3H*, 3H§), 4.07 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H*), 3.93 (td, J = 11.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H§), 3.55 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H§), 2.59 (m, 1H*, 1H§), 2.44 (m, 2H*, 2H§), 2.30 (s, 3H§), 2.00 (m, 1H§), 1.83 (m, 1H*), 1.69 (s, 3H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz, compound exists as a 3:1 mixture of enol : keto tautomers, enol tautomer designated by *, keto tautomer denoted by §) δ 211.26§, 203.13*, 202.06§, 180.91*, 145.47*, 141.92§, 128.76§, 128.73*, 127.01§, 127.00*, 126.98§, 126.50*, 113.34*, 69.89§, 44.77*, 43.82§, 39.35§, 35.12*, 31.38*, 31.30§, 28.40§, 21.52*; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3026, 2963, 1742, 1711, 1651, 1614, 1493, 1385, 1235, 1122 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 201.0920, found 201.0912.

^{**} Kennedy, M.; McKerverey, M. A.; Maguire, A. R.; Tuladhar, S. M.; Twohig, M. F.; *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I* **1990**, 1047.

Preparation of *trans*-methyl 2-oxo-5-phenylcyclopentanecarboxylate (170b)

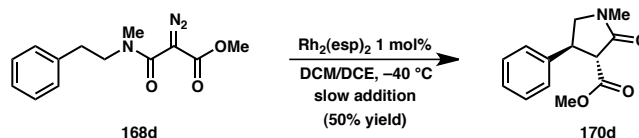
Compound **170b** was synthesized according to general procedure 3. The reaction was run with 25 mg (0.10 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto ester **168b**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) followed by preparative HPLC (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 10 mg (45% yield) of **170b** as a white solid. The *trans* stereochemical relationship in the product was assigned based coupling constant analysis and compared to related systems.⁴ ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as a >10:1 mixture of keto : enol tautomers, only major keto peaks are reported) δ 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.27 (m, 3H), 3.82 (td, J = 12.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a >10:1 mixture of ketone : enol tautomers, only major keto peaks are reported) δ 210.56, 169.10, 140.90, 128.84, 127.25, 126.80, 62.27, 52.57, 46.10, 38.72, 28.98; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3029, 2952, 1757, 1726, 1496, 1336, 1277, 1111 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 217.0870, found 217.0874.

Preparation of *trans*-2-nitro-3-phenylcyclopentanone (170c)

Compound **170c** was synthesized according to general procedure 3. The reaction was run with 19 mg (0.082 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitro compound **168c**, and the crude

material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 EtOAc:hexanes) followed by preparative HPLC (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 4.2 mg (25% yield) of **170c** as a colorless oil. The *trans* stereochemical relationship in the product was assigned based coupling constant analysis and compared to related systems.⁴ ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as a >20:1 mixture of keto : enol tautomers, only major keto peaks are reported) δ 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 5.24 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (td, $J = 12.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (m, 3H), 2.14 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a >20:1 mixture of ketone : enol tautomers, only major keto peaks are reported) δ 202.34, 137.65, 129.23, 128.22, 126.64, 95.49, 47.13, 36.54, 25.96; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3031, 2952, 2916, 1768, 1550, 1496, 1370, 1115 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 206.0817, found 206.0823.

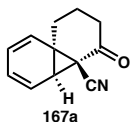
Preparation of *trans*-methyl 1-methyl-2-oxo-4-phenylpyrrolidine-3-carboxylate (170d)



Compound **170d** was synthesized according to general procedure 3. The reaction was run with 32.0 mg (0.122 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido ester **168d**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 EtOAc:hexanes) followed by recrystallization from hexanes/EtOAc to afford 14.3 mg (50% yield) of **170d** as a white solid. The *trans* stereochemical relationship in the product was assigned based coupling

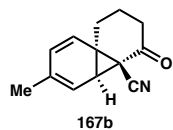
constant analysis and compared to related systems.^{††} ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 4.00 (q, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, $J = 9.8, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, $J = 9.8, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 169.95, 168.72, 140.17, 128.98, 127.50, 126.86, 55.79, 54.73, 52.74, 41.37, 29.95; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3027, 2952, 2883, 1740, 1696, 1496, 1432, 1260, 1166 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 234.1125, found 234.1124.

Norcaradiene (**167a**)

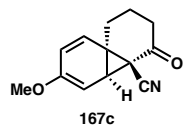


The reaction was run with 23.0 mg (0.108 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166a**, and the crude material was purified by chromatography using Florisil as the stationary phase (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 14.0 mg (70% yield) of **167a** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.45 (m, 1H), 6.39 (ddd, $J = 9.1, 6.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (ddq, $J = 8.9, 6.0, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.07 (dd, $J = 9.2, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dddd, $J = 18.7, 6.6, 4.4, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (ddd, $J = 18.7, 10.1, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (ddd, $J = 14.3, 11.4, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dt, $J = 14.3, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 200.40, 127.50, 126.52, 126.27, 122.18, 112.63, 43.74 (broad), 35.49, 27.83, 17.63; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3047, 2949, 2858, 2239, 1689, 1427, 1326, 1276, 1174 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 184.0768, found 184.0776.

^{††} Choi, M. K-W.; Yu, Y-W.; Che, C-M.; *Org. Lett.* **2005**, 7, 1081.

4-Methyl norcaradiene (167b)

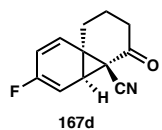
The reaction was run with 18.0 mg (0.0800 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166b**, and the crude material was purified by chromatography using Florisil as the stationary phase (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 12.5 mg (80% yield) of **167b** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.24 (dd, $J = 9.5, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 0H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, $J = 18.7, 10.3, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (ddd, $J = 14.1, 11.6, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dt, $J = 14.2, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 200.38, 136.39, 129.92, 126.78, 117.04, 112.89, 40.87 (broad), 35.41, 27.47, 21.44, 17.53; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3034, 2917, 2859, 2239, 1787, 1450, 1326, 1289, 1166 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 198.0924, found 198.0934.

4-Methoxy norcaradiene (167c)

The reaction was run with 31.0 mg (0.127 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166c**, and the crude material was purified by chromatography using Florisil as the stationary phase (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 24.7 mg (90% yield) of **167c** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.19 (dd, $J = 9.9, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, $J = 9.8$, 1H), 5.12 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.49 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, $J = 19.1, 6.5, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ddd, $J = 19.1, 10.5, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.26 (ddd, $J = 14.2, 11.7, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dt, $J = 14.2, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 200.08, 157.12, 129.05, 125.64, 113.06, 90.34, 55.08, 45.00 (broad), 40.39 (broad), 35.40, 27.27, 17.54; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3011, 2945, 2853,

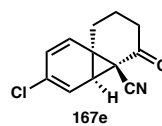
2238, 1683, 1650, 1584, 1447, 1422, 1242, 1177 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 216.1019, found 216.1015.

4-Fluoro norcaradiene (**167d**)



The reaction was run with 17.0 mg (0.0736 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166d**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 10.0 mg (67% yield) of **167d** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.34 (td, $J = 9.5, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dd, $J = 9.7, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dddd, $J = 9.0, 7.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.36 (ddd, $J = 15.1, 10.8, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dt, $J = 14.5, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 199.46, 160.05 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 252.4$ Hz), 129.52 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.9$ Hz), 120.74 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.9$ Hz), 102.79 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.7$ Hz), 49.91 (broad), 35.46, 27.72, 18.04; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3076, 2952, 2863, 2240, 1690, 1660, 1427, 1327, 1207, 1170 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 202.0674, found 202.0666.

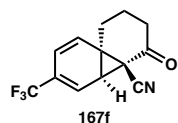
4-Chloro norcaradiene (**167e**)



The reaction was run with 21.5 mg (0.0870 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166e**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 12.0 mg (63% yield) of **167e** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.39 (dd, $J = 9.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.25 (m, 1H), 6.13 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddd, $J = 18.7, 6.7, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, $J = 18.7, 9.9, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 11.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.19 (dt, $J = 14.4, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 199.02, 133.06, 128.84,

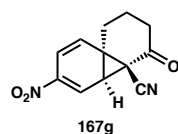
128.52, 119.08, 112.33, 46.17 (broad), 35.46, 35.46, 27.47, 17.74; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3066, 2951, 2858, 2240, 1691, 1411, 1325, 1179 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{ClNO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 218.0378, found 218.0377.

4-Trifluoromethyl norcaradiene (**167f**)



The reaction was run with 28.0 mg (0.100 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166f**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 9.0 mg (36% yield) of **167f** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.52 (dd, $J = 9.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, $J = 9.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (ddd, $J = 18.8, 6.5, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, $J = 18.8, 10.2, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 11.3, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.22 (dt, $J = 14.4, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.75 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 198.59, 130.38 (q, $J = 32.3$ Hz), 128.70, 122.60 (q, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 122.55 (q, $J = 272.2$ Hz), 121.68 (q, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 111.44, 40.94 (broad), 35.52, 27.41, 25.12, 17.55; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3057, 2952, 2928, 2242, 1701, 1374, 1308, 1181 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 252.0642, found 252.0635.

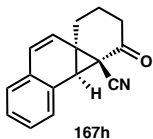
4-Nitro norcaradiene (**167g**)



The reaction was run with 22.0 mg (0.0850 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166g**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 4.2 mg (20% yield) of **167g** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 9.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.51 (ddd, $J = 14.8, 10.3, 4.6$ Hz,

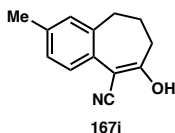
1H), 2.27 (ddd, $J = 14.7, 6.2, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.74, 148.22, 128.21, 123.68, 122.26, 111.66, 69.01 (broad), 56.12 (broad), 35.61, 30.68, 28.18, 18.31; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3083, 2925, 2853, 2242, 1699, 1521, 1344, 1181 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 229.0619, found 229.0623.

5-Oxo-4b,4c,5,6,7,8-hexahydrobenzo[2,3]cyclopropa[1,2-*a*]naphthalene-4c-carbonitrile (167h)



The reaction was run with 25.0 mg (0.0950 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166h**, and the crude material was purified by chromatography using Florisil as the stationary phase (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 6.9 mg (31% yield) of **167h** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, $J = 9.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 1H), 2.62 (ddd, $J = 18.8, 6.2, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (ddd, $J = 18.7, 11.0, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (m, 2H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.84 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 199.72, 131.76, 129.63, 129.44, 128.93, 128.65, 128.47, 127.12, 124.89, 113.06, 42.18, 38.26, 35.50, 27.84, 27.06, 17.28; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3042, 2947, 2888, 2239, 1686, 1455, 1326, 1284, 1172, 1120 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 234.0924, found 234.0922.

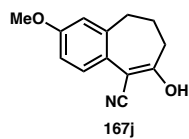
8-Hydroxy-3-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulene-9-carbonitrile (167i)



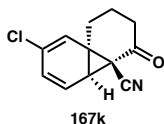
The reaction was run with 38.0 mg (0.167 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166i**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 31.1 mg (93% yield) of **167i** as a white solid. ^1H NMR

(CD₃CN, 500 MHz, compound exists as a 1.5:1 mixture of enol : keto tautomers, only major enol peaks are reported) δ 8.17 (br s, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.05 (m, 1H), 2.63 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.17 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃CN, 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.5:1 mixture of enol : keto tautomers, only major enol peaks are reported) δ 172.39, 140.77, 137.84, 131.89, 131.01, 128.43, 128.20, 118.66, 87.13, 32.56, 32.38, 31.92, 21.08; FTIR (NaCl, thin film, keto and enol stretches reported) 3139, 2937, 2863, 2216, 1629, 1495, 1392, 1243 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₂NO [M-H]⁻ 198.0924, found 198.0923.

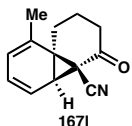
8-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulene-9-carbonitrile (**167j**)



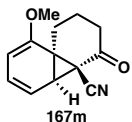
The reaction was run with 20.0 mg (0.0823 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166j**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (4:6 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 14.4 mg (81% yield) of **167j** as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CD₃CN, 500 MHz, compound exists as a 1.5:1 mixture of enol : keto tautomers, only major enol peaks are reported) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.81 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.64 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.17 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃CN, 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.5:1 mixture of enol : keto tautomers, only major enol peaks are reported) δ 171.75, 159.51, 142.47, 129.69, 126.46, 118.74, 115.88, 112.69, 86.69, 55.87, 32.76, 32.23, 31.73; FTIR (NaCl, thin film, keto and enol stretches reported) 3206, 2938, 2868, 2210, 1725, 1631, 1608, 1497, 1376, 1259 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₂NO₂ [M-H]⁻ 214.0874, found 214.0883.

3-Chloro norcaradiene (167k)

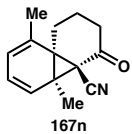
The reaction was run with 25.0 mg (0.101 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166k**, and the crude material was purified by chromatography using Florisil as the stationary phase (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 14.6 mg (66% yield) of **167k** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.47 (dd, $J = 9.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, $J = 9.3, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 3.58 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.33 (ddd, $J = 14.4, 11.1, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.22 (dt, $J = 14.4, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.76 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 199.18, 132.13, 129.93, 124.66, 123.05, 112.39, 45.98 (broad), 35.47, 27.73, 17.81; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3063, 2945, 2888, 2242, 1684, 1628, 1409, 1321, 1271, 1173 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 219.0451, found 219.0449.

2-Methyl norcaradiene (167l)

The reaction was run with 23.0 mg (0.101 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166l**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 16.3 mg (81% yield) of **167l** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.35 (dd, $J = 9.3, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (m, 1H), 6.07 (ddd, $J = 9.3, 5.7, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (ddd, $J = 19.3, 6.9, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.15 (dt, $J = 14.2, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 200.79, 134.35, 127.86, 123.43, 119.26, 112.52, 46.87, 38.58, 35.05, 24.76, 24.72, 20.55, 16.57; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3057, 2959, 2897, 2235, 1678, 1445, 1325, 1299, 1191 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 198.0924, found 198.0928.

2-Methoxy norcaradiene (167m)

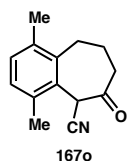
The reaction was run with 19 mg (0.078 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166m**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 8.0 mg (47% yield) of **167m** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.39 (ddd, $J = 9.2, 7.0, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.77 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.50 (dddd, $J = 19.0, 6.5, 3.4, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (ddd, $J = 19.0, 10.9, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dt, $J = 14.5, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 200.33, 155.44, 128.63, 112.61, 112.53, 96.10, 55.79, 44.44, 39.02, 35.41, 23.98, 22.62, 16.94; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2954, 2928, 2888, 2236, 1685, 1560, 1389, 1267, 1234, 1185 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 216.1019, found 216.1020.

2,6-Dimethyl norcaradiene (167n)

The reaction was run according to a variation of general procedure 7. $\text{Rh}_2(\text{pfb})_4$ was used in place of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$, and the reaction was run at rt instead of -40°C in the glovebox. 100 mg (0.415 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166n**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) followed by recrystallization from ethyl acetate/hexanes to afford 21.2 mg (24% yield) of **167n** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.58 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, $J = 10.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dddd, $J = 18.6, 8.7, 5.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.36 (ddd, $J = 16.1, 8.3, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 202.49, 132.01, 128.11, 125.96, 115.73, 39.98, 26.35, 21.20, 20.22, 19.86; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3012, 2951, 2873, 2233, 1723, 1692,

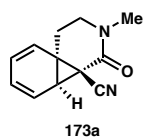
1448, 1323, 1269, 1215 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 214.1226, found 214.1235.

1,4-Dimethyl-6-oxo-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulene-5-carbonitrile (**167o**)



The reaction was run with 31.5 mg (0.130 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **166o**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (2% MeOH/DCM) to afford 14.3 mg (50% yield) of **167o** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as a 1:1 mixture of enol : keto tautomers, only major keto peaks are reported) δ 7.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 3.11 (ddd, $J = 15.0, 4.5, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (td, $J = 14.6, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 6H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1:1 mixture of enol : keto tautomers) δ 201.81, 172.70, 137.84, 137.53, 134.57, 134.44, 134.24, 133.15, 131.52, 130.85, 129.78, 129.15, 128.40, 128.17, 116.59, 115.62, 84.13, 46.47, 38.44, 31.08, 29.24, 26.70, 26.33, 25.09, 20.23, 20.21, 20.06, 19.70; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3167, 2969, 2864, 2211, 1628, 1588, 1449, 1368, 1331, 1265, 1156 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 212.1081, found 212.1073.

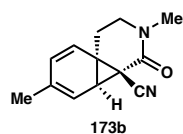
Amido norcaradiene (**173a**)



The reaction was run with 25.0 mg (0.109 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172a**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 15.3 mg (70% yield) of **172a** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.54 (m, 2H), 6.28 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.62 (ddd, $J = 15.2, 10.1, 5.6$ Hz, 1H),

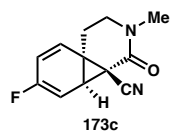
2.37 (dt, $J = 14.4, 4.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 164.70, 127.91, 127.51, 124.54, 123.59, 113.55, 63.49 (broad), 45.37, 36.05, 27.43, 25.75 (broad); FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3044, 2932, 2878, 2240, 1651, 1504, 1442, 1402, 1344 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 199.0877, found 199.0881.

4-Methyl amido norcaradiene (**173b**)



The reaction was run with 22 mg (0.091 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172b**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 8.0 mg (42% yield) of **173b** as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.28 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.54 (ddd, $J = 14.2, 10.5, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dt, $J = 14.2, 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 164.94, 136.38, 129.61, 124.81, 119.11, 113.60, 51.55 (broad), 44.84, 35.93, 26.47, 21.86; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3030, 2937, 2883, 2240, 1646, 1501, 1451, 1344 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 215.1179, found 215.1174.

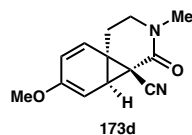
4-Fluoro amido norcaradiene (**173c**)



The reaction was run with 33.0 mg (0.134 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172c**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 17.8 mg (61% yield) of **173c** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.41 (ddd, $J = 12.6, 8.6, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.10 (td, $J = 8.3, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.65 (m, 1H), 3.47 (ddd, $J = 13.0, 6.4, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (ddd, $J = 13.0, 8.5, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.44 (m, 1H);

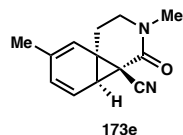
^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 163.85, 161.31, 159.31, 124.99 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), 116.41 (d, $J = 30.0$ Hz), 113.96, 112.01 (broad), 83.34 (broad), 46.31, 36.30, 33.02 (broad), 28.59; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3071, 2947, 2888, 2241, 1651, 1501, 1454, 1404, 1342, 1151 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 219.0928, found 219.0918.

4-Methoxy amido norcaradiene (**173d**)



The reaction was run with 25.5 mg (0.100 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172d**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 19.1 mg (83% yield) of **173d** as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.15 (dd, $J = 9.5, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.28 (br d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (br s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.24 (dt, $J = 14.1, 3.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 164.76, 156.75, 126.67, 122.44 (broad), 113.70, 95.14 (broad), 54.97, 44.73, 35.80, 26.08, 22.13 (broad); FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3050, 2936, 2240, 1650, 1501, 1446, 1402, 1240 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 231.1128, found 231.1121.

3-Methyl amido norcaradiene (**173e**)

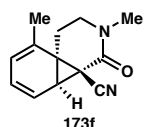


The reaction was run with 32.0 mg (0.132 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172e**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 16.0 mg (57% yield) of **173e** as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.30 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (dd, $J = 8.5, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 3.55 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H),

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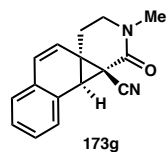
^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 165.00, 135.66, 130.15, 122.65, 121.25, 113.58, 57.00 (broad), 49.30 (broad), 44.78, 35.91, 26.57, 21.89; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3030, 2937, 2883, 2240, 1646, 1501, 1443, 1342, 1240 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 215.1179, found 215.1175.

2-Methyl amido norcaradiene (173f)



The reaction was run with 20 mg (0.083 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172f**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 EtOAc:hexanes) followed by preparative HPLC (85:15 EtOAc:Hexanes, SiO_2 column, 5 mL/min) to afford 3.6 mg (20% yield) of **173f** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.30 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (m, 1H), 6.04 (ddd, $J = 9.2, 5.8, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (m, 1H), 3.18 (ddd, $J = 13.5, 6.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.53 (td, $J = 13.2, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.17 (ddd, $J = 13.9, 4.1, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 126 MHz) δ 165.38, 132.52, 127.24, 123.67, 119.26, 112.81, 45.23, 43.97, 38.33, 35.81, 23.72, 20.56, 16.55; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3049, 2932, 2884, 2241, 1648, 1502, 1447, 1403, 1344, 1271 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 215.1179, found 215.1169.

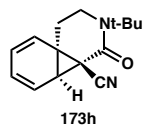
Benzo amido norcaradiene (173g)



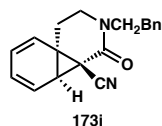
The reaction was run with 21.5 mg (0.77 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172g**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography

(8:2 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 9.3 mg (48% yield) of **173g** as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 500 MHz) δ 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, $J = 9.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 1H), 3.36 (td, $J = 13.3, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (ddd, $J = 13.7, 6.2, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.48 (td, $J = 13.7, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (ddd, $J = 13.9, 4.4, 1.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2 , 126 MHz) δ 164.60, 132.25, 130.23, 129.73, 129.20, 129.12, 128.72, 128.04, 124.53, 114.30, 44.64, 39.55, 36.28, 36.12, 25.82, 19.89; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3016, 2918, 2888, 2238, 1644, 1504, 1443, 1342, 1269 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 251.1179, found 251.1169.

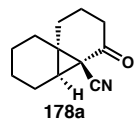
Amido norcaradiene (**173h**)



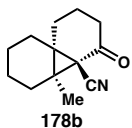
The reaction was run with 26.5 mg (0.100 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172h**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 19.4 mg (80% yield) of **173h** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.61 (m, 2H), 6.33 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (m, 1H), 4.58 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (ddd, $J = 13.0, 6.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.27 (ddd, $J = 13.2, 9.4, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 165.39, 128.71, 128.39, 125.08, 123.69, 114.31, 82.20 (broad), 58.76, 41.29, 35.16 (broad), 30.52, 28.02; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2977, 2918, 2885, 2243, 1633, 1447, 1358, 1225 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 243.1492, found 243.1480.

Amido norcaradiene (173i)

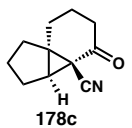
The reaction was run with 27.0 mg (0.0850 mmol) of α -diazo- β -amido nitrile **172i**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 EtOAc:hexanes) to afford 24.2 mg (93% yield) of **173i** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 3H), 6.51 (m, 2H), 6.23 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.61 (ddd, J = 13.5, 7.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ddd, J = 13.1, 5.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (m, 3H), 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.19 (td, J = 14.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 164.64, 128.86, 128.63, 127.95, 127.56, 126.66, 124.49, 123.67, 113.51, 64.02 (broad), 50.72, 44.70, 33.66, 27.65, 26.13 (broad); FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3025, 2929, 2859, 2241, 1646, 1495, 1454 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 291.1492, found 291.1482.

4-Oxodecahydrocyclopropa[1,2:1,3]dibenzene-4a-carbonitrile (178a)

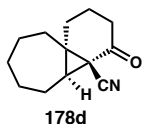
The reaction was run with 20.2 mg (0.0931 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **177a**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 14.4 mg (82% yield) of **178a** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 2.42 (dddd, J = 19.1, 6.2, 2.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (m, 4H), 1.90 (m, 3H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 3H), 1.37 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 199.77, 116.51, 36.68, 35.30, 34.89, 29.49, 28.33, 28.29, 20.37, 20.34, 20.32, 16.63; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2942, 2916, 2848, 2228, 1682, 1557, 1455 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 188.1081, found 188.1080.

4b-Methyl-4-oxodecahydrocyclopropa[1,2:1,3]dibenzene-4a-carbonitrile (178b)

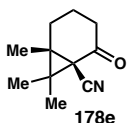
The reaction was run with 29.0 mg (0.125 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **177b**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (75:25 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 19.4 mg (76% yield) of **178b** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.18 (ddd, $J = 14.8, 6.8, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.86 (m, 6H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 201.36, 118.06, 38.71, 38.67, 38.62, 35.07, 31.41, 31.33, 29.08, 22.63, 20.86, 20.55, 20.43; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2942, 2878, 2227, 1696, 1448, 1322, 1266 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 202.1237, found 202.1245.

4-Oxo-octahydro-1H-cyclopenta[1,3]cyclopropa[1,2]benzene-3b-carbonitrile (178c)

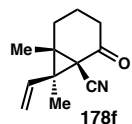
The reaction was run with 50 mg (0.25 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **177c**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 40 mg (93% yield) of **178c** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.23 (m, 3H), 2.06 (m, 4H), 1.87 (m, 3H), 1.67 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 198.67, 116.14, 47.77, 38.34, 35.99, 35.76, 33.18, 27.29, 25.16, 22.34, 19.40; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2936, 2866, 2233, 1698, 1466, 1326, 1303, 1179, 1080 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 176.1070, found 176.1076.

4-Oxodecahydro-1H-benzo[1,3]cyclopropa[1,2]annulene-4a-carbonitrile (178d)

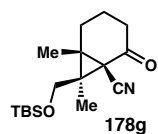
The reaction was run with 61 mg (0.26 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **177d**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (75:25 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 50 mg (92% yield) of **178d** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 4H), 2.05 (ddd, $J = 14.7, 6.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.78 (m, 7H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 199.30, 116.15, 40.46, 40.22, 35.38, 33.88, 33.62, 31.45, 27.58, 27.39, 27.34, 25.59, 17.22; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2925, 2852, 2234, 1694, 1465, 1325, 1291, 1138 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 204.1383, found 204.1391.

6,7,7-Trimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[4.1.0]heptane-1-carbonitrile (178e)

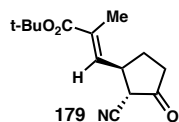
The reaction was run with 35.0 mg (0.171 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **177e**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 27.2 mg (90% yield) of **178e** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 201.26, 117.34, 39.55, 39.43, 38.79, 35.70, 27.05, 22.81, 21.18, 20.30, 19.46; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3005, 2953, 2878, 2848, 2231, 1698, 1455, 1323, 1279, 1093 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 178.1226, found 178.1218.

Vinylcyclopropyl ketone (178f)

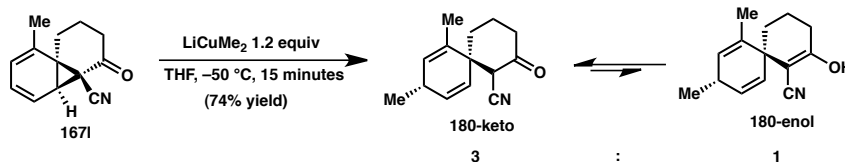
The reaction was run with 31.0 mg (0.143 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **177f**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 21.4 mg (79% yield) of **178f** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 5.97 (dd, $J = 17.2, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, $J = 10.9, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dd, $J = 17.2, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 200.21, 136.16, 119.05, 116.81, 42.82, 39.31, 38.81, 36.59, 27.16, 22.55, 21.12, 16.01; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3091, 2992, 2952, 2878, 2232, 1703, 1455, 1323, 1274, 1162 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 190.1232, found 190.1252.

Cyclopropyl ketone (178g)

The reaction was run with 35.0 mg (0.104 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **177g**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 29.7 mg (93% yield) of **178g** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 3.79 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.29 (m, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 200.59, 116.70, 65.67, 42.54, 38.87, 38.71, 34.04, 27.42, 25.73, 22.88, 19.84, 18.17, 14.93, -5.51, -5.55; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2953, 2929, 2884, 2856, 2232, 1701, 1472, 1257, 1095 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 306.1895, found 306.1907.

Cyclopentanone (179)

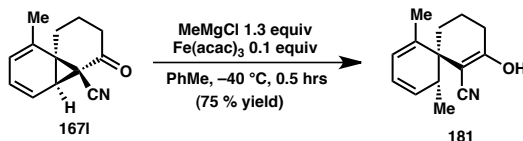
The reaction was run with 44 mg (0.16 mmol) of α -diazo- β -keto nitrile **177h**, and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 16 mg (40% yield) of **179** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, exists as an 85:15 equilibrating mixture of *trans* : *cis* diastereomers, only major *trans* peaks are reported) δ 6.48 (dq, J = 9.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (tdd, J = 12.0, 9.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.43 (ddd, J = 19.3, 11.9, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dddd, J = 13.3, 8.8, 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.80 (dtd, J = 13.3, 12.0, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 204.74, 166.31, 136.76, 133.69, 115.54, 81.06, 45.70, 41.57, 36.63, 28.01, 27.54, 13.10; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3275, 2978, 2933, 2247, 1762, 1706, 1368, 1293, 1253, 1153 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 250.1443, found 250.1439.

Preparation of 7,9-dimethyl-2-oxospiro[5.5]undeca-7,10-diene-1-carbonitrile (180)

To an oven-dried 25 mL flask was added cuprous iodide (74 mg, 0.39 mmol). The flask was sealed, flushed with nitrogen, and charged with THF (6 mL). The CuI/THF slurry was cooled to $-10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and methyllithium (1.2 M Et_2O , 550 mL, 0.66 mmol) was added fast dropwise to the rapidly stirred mixture. Within 30 seconds the CuI dissolved, affording a pale yellow solution. In a separate flask norcaradiene **1671** (55 mg, 0.28 mmol) was dissolved in THF (5 mL) and cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The Me_2CuLi /THF solution

was cannula transferred dropwise to the norcaradiene at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The initially bright yellow reaction transformed into a murky orange mixture upon the completion of the cuprate addition. After stirring for an additional 15 minutes, TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material and the reaction was quenched with excess aqueous NH_4Cl . The reaction was warmed to $22\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 2 drops of aqueous NH_4OH were added. The mixture was extracted twice with ethyl acetate, and the combined organics washed with brine and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding diene **180** (44 mg, 74% yield) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as a 3:1 mixture of ketone : enol tautomers, keto tautomer designated by *, enol tautomer denoted by §) δ 5.99 (br s, 1H^{\S}), 5.94 (m, 1H^*), 5.70 (m, 1H^{\S}), 5.66 (m, 1H^*), 5.60 (m, 2H^{\S}), 5.49 (dd, $J = 10.2, 1.9\text{ Hz}$, 1H^*), 3.82 (s, 1H^*), 2.89 (m, 1H^*), 2.82 (m, 1H^{\S}), 2.60 (m, 1H^*), 2.37 (m, 1H^*), 2.26 (m, 3H^{\S}), 2.20 (m, 1H^*), 2.04 (m, 2H^*), 1.84 (m, 3H^*), 1.82 (m, 2H^{\S}), 1.70 (s, 3H^{\S}), 1.67 (m, 1H^*), 1.52 (m, 1H^{\S}), 1.05 (d, $J = 7.4\text{ Hz}$, 3H^*), 1.03 (d, $J = 7.3\text{ Hz}$, 1H^{\S}); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 3:1 mixture of ketone : enol tautomers, keto tautomer designated by *, enol tautomer denoted by §) δ 200.12*, 166.83§, 135.22*, 133.00§, 131.66*, 130.92*, 130.26§, 130.05§, 129.34§, 122.75*, 117.08§, 114.67*, 90.87§, 52.43*, 47.63*, 40.70§, 40.19*, 35.09*, 33.55§, 31.36*, 31.17§, 27.66§, 22.02§, 21.50*, 21.17*, 19.12§, 18.18*, 17.85§; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3330, 3022, 2958, 2925, 2871, 2248, 2203, 1725, 1448, 1340, 1203, 1171 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 214.1237, found 214.1228.

Preparation of 2-hydroxy-7,11-dimethylspiro[5.5]undeca-1,7,9-triene-1-carbonitrile (181**)**

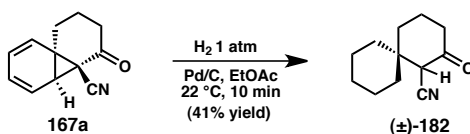


Procedure adapted from the work of Furstner et al.^{‡‡} To an oven-dried 25 mL flask was norcaradiene **167I** (44 mg, 0.24 mmol) and Fe(acac)₃ (8.3 mg, 0.024 mmol). The flask was sealed, flushed with nitrogen, and charged with toluene (6 mL). Dissolution of the highly crystalline norcaradiene **167I** was achieved by vigorous stirring of the mixture for 10 minutes at 22 °C. The clear red solution was cooled to – 50 °C, and methylmagnesium chloride (3.0M THF, 102 mL, 0.31 mmol) was added dropwise. The brown solution was stirred for 0.5 hours at that temperature, after which TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material. The reaction was quenched with 2 equivalents of acetic acid in THF and warmed to 22 °C. The mixture was extracted twice with ethyl acetate, and the combined organics washed with water, brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→20% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding diene **181** (36 mg, 75% yield) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz, compound exists as a >10:1 mixture of enol : ketone tautomers, only major enol peaks are reported) δ 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.79 (m, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.25 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.71 (m, 3H), 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz, compound exists as a >10:1 mixture of enol : ketone tautomers,

^{‡‡} Sherry, B. D.; Furstner, A. *Chem. Commun.* **2009**, 7116.

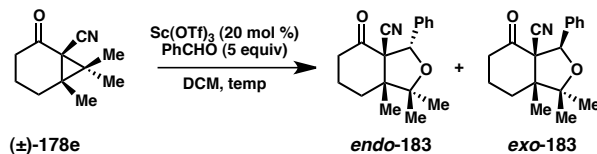
only major enol peaks are reported) δ 168.74, 141.93, 130.38, 124.08, 121.54, 117.12, 89.51, 43.58, 38.17, 27.89, 24.10, 21.79, 18.57, 15.06; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3350, 3038, 2963, 2234, 2203, 1728, 1447, 1381, 1309, 1208, 1154 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 214.1237, found 214.1241.

Preparation of 2-oxospiro[5.5]undecane-1-carbonitrile **182**



To 10 mL flask was added palladium on carbon (10 mg, 10 wt %, 0.008 mmol). The flask was sealed, flushed with nitrogen, and charged with an EtOAc (3 mL) solution of norcaradiene **167a** (20 mg, 0.108 mmol). The suspension was sparged with hydrogen gas for 1 minute, and kept under 1 atm of H_2 . After stirring for an additional 15 minutes, TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material, and the reaction was filtered through celite. The pad was washed thoroughly with EtOAc, the solvent removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure, and the crude residue purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding spirocycle **182** (8.5 mg, 41% yield) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 3.34 (s, 1H), 2.64 (ddd, J = 14.1, 6.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dddd, J = 14.0, 8.9, 6.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 11H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 201.02, 115.50, 54.79, 42.75, 39.54, 35.74, 31.65, 30.86, 25.33, 21.33, 21.20, 20.96; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2929, 2855, 2243, 1725, 1448, 1320, 1050 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^- + \text{Na}^+$ 213.1135, found 213.1143.

Preparation of 1,1,7 α -trimethyl-4-oxo-3-phenyloctahydroisobenzofuran-3 α -carbonitrile (183**) and diastereomer**

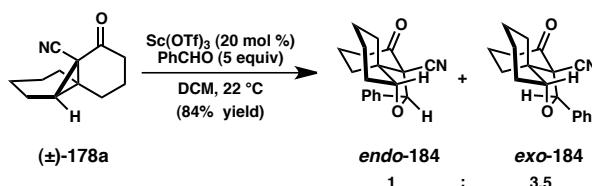


Procedure adapted from the work of Johnson et al.^{§§} To an oven-dried 1 dram vial under nitrogen was added scandium(III) triflate (28 mg, 0.058 mmol) followed by DCM (1 mL). In a separate flask cyclopropane **178e** (51 mg, 0.29 mmol) and benzaldehyde (147 μ L, 1.5 mmol) were dissolved in DCM (5 mL), and this solution was added in one portion to the Sc(OTf)_3 at 22 $^\circ\text{C}$ (6 mL DCM total, 0.05 M). The murky reaction was heated to 40 $^\circ\text{C}$, at which time the catalyst dissolved and a clear yellow solution resulted. After stirring for 10 minutes at that temperature, TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material. The reaction was cooled to 22 $^\circ\text{C}$, directly transferred onto a silica plug, and eluted with excess diethyl ether. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure, and ^1H NMR analysis of the crude indicated a 1 : 3.3 ratio of *endo* : *exo* products. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 30% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding *endo*-ketone **183** (18 mg, 20% yield) and *exo*-ketone **183** (53 mg, 65% yield) both as white solids. **Endo diastereomer 183**: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.34 (m, 5H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.14 (ddd, $J = 15.9, 12.8, 6.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 201.91, 135.96, 128.56, 128.43, 126.26, 120.68, 87.10, 84.24, 67.25, 54.78, 40.35, 32.19, 22.70, 22.64, 20.18, 18.79; FTIR (NaCl, thin

^{§§} Parsons, A. T.; Johnson, J. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 3122.

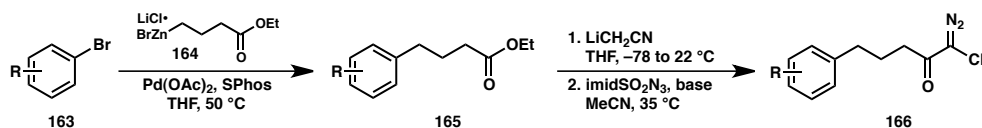
film) 2961, 2883, 2238, 1713, 1451, 1424, 1392, 1213, 1109 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 282.1500, found 282.1508. **Exo diastereomer 183:** ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.33 (m, 5H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 201.20, 136.96, 128.69, 128.41, 125.98, 116.52, 87.28, 80.85, 69.02, 55.88, 37.85, 31.12, 26.46, 24.35, 21.63, 19.62; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2999, 2961, 2882, 2238, 1710, 1451, 1424, 1393, 1242, 1110 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 282.1500, found 282.1504.

Preparation of 7-oxo-6-phenyldecahydro-1H-dibenzo[*b,c*]furan-6a-carbonitrile (184) and diastereomer



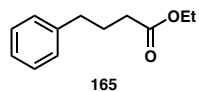
Procedure adapted from the work of Johnson et al.¹⁵ To an oven-dried 1 dram vial under nitrogen was added scandium(III) triflate (7.8 mg, 0.015 mmol). In a separate flask cyclopropane **178a** (15 mg, 0.080 mmol) and benzaldehyde (42 mL, 0.40 mmol) were dissolved in DCM (530 mL, 0.15 M), and this solution was added in one portion to the Sc(OTf)_3 at 22 $^\circ\text{C}$. The clear yellow solution was stirred at 22 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 hours, at which time TLC analysis indicated consumption of the starting material. The reaction directly transferred onto a silica plug, and eluted with excess diethyl ether. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure, and ^1H NMR analysis of the crude indicated a 1 : 3.5 ratio of *endo* : *exo* products. The crude residue was purified by

flash chromatography (0→15→30% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding *endo*-ketone **184** (5 mg, 21% yield) and *exo*-ketone **184** (15 mg, 63% yield) both as white solids. **Endo diastereomer 184:** ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.34 (m, 5H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 12.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 3H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.64 (ddd, J = 14.0, 3.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (m, 3H), 0.91 (ddd, J = 15.7, 13.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 202.01, 136.01, 128.62, 128.55, 126.00, 118.96, 87.20, 85.21, 68.11, 53.51, 40.36, 28.74, 24.42, 23.13, 22.75, 20.53, 20.02; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2944, 2870, 2239, 1710, 1452, 1345, 1234, 1155, 1070 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 294.1500, found 294.1507. **Exo diastereomer 184:** ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.00 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.12 (m, 3H), 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.50 (qt, J = 13.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (qt, J = 13.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 201.21, 137.46, 128.65, 128.63, 125.40, 114.92, 86.44, 82.73, 70.81, 55.65, 37.70, 28.69, 24.80, 23.06, 22.57, 21.35, 20.35; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2944, 2870, 2245, 1713, 1452, 1318, 1240, 1152, 1072 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 294.1500, found 294.1500.

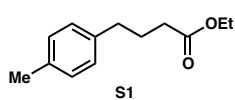
General procedure for the synthesis of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles**General procedure 4 for the cross coupling of aryl halides and 4-Ethoxy-4-oxobutylzinc bromide (164).**

Adapted from the work of Knochel et al.^{***} A dry and argon flushed 20 mL Schlenk-tube is charged with the aryl bromide (**1163**, 2.50 mmol, 1 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.25 mmol, 0.01 equiv), S-Phos (0.50 mmol, 0.02 equiv) and THF (2.5 mL). After stirring the reaction mixture for 5 min, 4-Ethoxy-4-oxobutylzinc bromide (**164**, 3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 0.40 M in THF) is added (mildly exothermic), affording a light yellow solution. The reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C for 2 hours, during which time the color had progressed to dark brown/black. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with a saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution, and extracted with 1:1 v/v hexanes/ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the aryl-butanoate products.

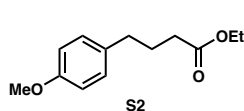
^{***} Manolikakes, G.; Hernandez, C. M.; Schade, M. A.; Metzger, A.; Knochel, P. *J. Org. Chem.* **2008**, 73, 8422.

Ethyl 4-phenylbutanoate (165)

The reaction was run on 3.75 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 560 mg (78% yield) of **165** as a colorless oil. The spectral data is consistent with that reported in the literature.^{†††}

Ethyl 4-(*p*-tolyl)butanoate (S1)

The reaction was run on 3.75 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 470 mg (60% yield) of **S1** as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.08 (m, 4H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 173.48, 138.27, 135.31, 128.98, 128.30, 60.17, 34.63, 33.61, 26.61, 20.94, 14.20; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2977, 2924, 2858, 1733, 1515, 1373, 1243, 1145 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₃H₁₉O₂ [M+H]⁺ 207.1380, found 207.1389.

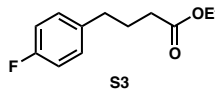
Ethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate (S2)

The reaction was run on 3.25 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 600 mg (85% yield) of **S2** as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.83 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, J

^{†††} Everson, D. A.; Shrestha, R.; Weix, D. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, 132, 920.

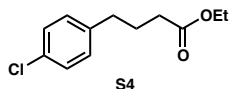
= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.53, 157.81, 133.46, 129.34, 113.73, 60.20, 55.20, 34.19, 33.59, 26.76, 14.22.; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2980, 2936, 2860, 2835, 1732, 1612, 1583, 1513, 1464, 1373, 1300, 1246 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 223.1329, found 223.1339.

Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)butanoate (**S3**)



The reaction was run on 3.25 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 590 mg (84% yield) of **S3** as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.37, 161.33 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 243.5 Hz), 137.00 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.3 Hz), 129.77 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 7.9 Hz), 115.07 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.1 Hz), 60.29, 34.27, 33.51, 26.63, 26.62, 14.22; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3039, 2981, 2937, 2868, 1732, 1600, 1510, 1374, 1221 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 210.1056, found 210.1049.

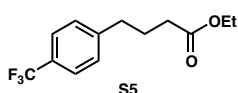
Ethyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)butanoate (**S4**)



The reaction was run on 3.25 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 586 mg (78% yield) of **S4** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 ,

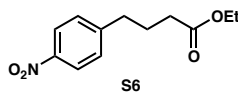
126 MHz) δ 173.28, 139.82, 131.65, 129.78, 128.42, 60.29, 34.41, 33.46, 26.38, 14.21; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3022, 2979, 2933, 2866, 1730, 1491, 1374, 1176 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 226.0761, found 226.0718.

Ethyl 4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanoate (**S5**)



The reaction was run on 3.25 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 560 mg (66% yield) of **S5** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.18, 145.53 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.4$ Hz), 128.76, 128.35 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.3$ Hz), 125.28 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.7$ Hz), 124.30 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 271.7$ Hz), 60.36, 34.90, 33.46, 26.19, 14.20; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3044, 2982, 2940, 2871, 1735, 1618, 1418, 1375, 1326, 1163 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 260.1024, found 260.1035.

Ethyl 4-(4-nitrophenyl)butanoate (**S6**)

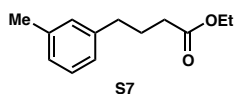


The reaction was run on 3.75 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 633 mg (70% yield) of **S6** as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 172.95, 149.29, 146.43, 129.23, 123.66, 60.43, 34.91, 33.36, 25.98, 14.20;

FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2980, 2939, 2869, 1733, 1604, 1517, 1345, 1247, 1180 cm^{-1} ;

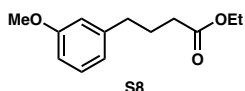
HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 236.0928, found 236.0941.

Ethyl 4-(*m*-tolyl)butanoate (**S7**)

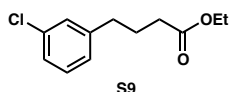


The reaction was run on 5.85 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 1080 mg (90% yield) of **S7** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.00 (m, 3H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (m, 5H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.47, 141.31, 137.82, 129.24, 128.19, 126.62, 125.42, 60.17, 35.01, 33.64, 26.52, 21.33, 14.19; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2979, 2929, 2863, 1733, 1608, 1456, 1373, 1240, 1178 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 207.1380, found 207.1390.

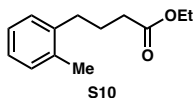
Ethyl 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butanoate (**S8**)



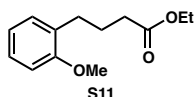
The reaction was run on 3.75 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 717 mg (85% yield) of **S8** as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.76 (m, 3H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.40, 159.57, 143.00, 129.25, 120.82, 114.14, 111.19, 60.18, 55.03, 35.10, 33.57, 26.37, 14.19; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2977, 2937, 2868, 2835, 1734, 1601, 1583, 1489, 1456, 1373, 1258, 1151 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 223.1329, found 223.1327.

Ethyl 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butanoate (S9)

The reaction was run on 3.63 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 655 mg (80% yield) of **S9** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.06 (m, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.10, 143.38, 134.01, 129.52, 128.49, 126.58, 126.06, 60.21, 34.66, 33.38, 26.16, 14.15; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3057, 2980, 2933, 2863, 1732, 1598, 1573, 1477, 1374, 1203 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 227.0839, found 227.0830.

Ethyl 4-(*o*-tolyl)butanoate (S10)

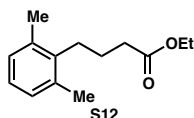
The reaction was run on 8.20 mmol scale for 4 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 1.40 g (83% yield) of **S10** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.14 (m, 4H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.38 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.45, 139.62, 135.90, 130.17, 128.92, 126.05, 125.88, 60.24, 33.93, 32.52, 25.31, 19.19, 14.22; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2977, 2939, 2870, 1733, 1494, 1463, 1372, 1246, 1183 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 207.1380, found 207.1386.

Ethyl 4-(2-methoxyphenyl)butanoate (S11)

The reaction was run on 3.75 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material

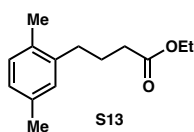
was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 742 mg (75% yield) of **S11** as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.18 (td, $J = 8.1$, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 7.5$, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (td, $J = 7.4$, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 8.2$, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.68, 157.40, 129.94, 129.75, 127.14, 120.27, 110.12, 60.10, 55.11, 33.88, 29.47, 24.99, 14.21; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3064, 2977, 2938, 2835, 1732, 1601, 1587, 1494, 1464, 1373, 1242 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 223.1329, found 223.1331.

Ethyl 4-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)butanoate (**S12**)



The reaction was run on 6.23 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 800 mg (58% yield) of **S12** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.00 (m, 4H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.31, 138.34, 136.00, 128.05, 125.70, 60.23, 34.40, 29.06, 24.15, 19.67, 14.20; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3066, 2957, 1732, 1586, 1467, 1373, 1245, 1192 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 221.1536, found 221.1527.

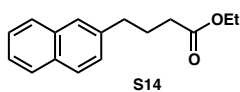
Ethyl 4-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)butanoate (**S13**)



The reaction was run on 5.85 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9.5:0.5 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 1440 mg (70% yield) of **S13** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.03

(d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.37 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.51, 139.46, 135.25, 132.70, 130.09, 129.75, 126.71, 60.25, 34.00, 32.54, 25.42, 20.92, 18.72, 14.24; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3041, 2978, 2938, 2868, 1732, 1503, 1458, 1373, 1194 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 220.1463, found 220.1469.

Ethyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yl)butanoate (**S14**)



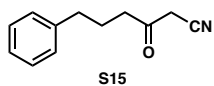
The reaction was run on 3.33 mmol scale for 2 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 800 mg (90% yield) of **S14** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.43, 138.86, 133.51, 132.00, 127.91, 127.54, 127.36, 127.18, 126.54, 125.87, 125.15, 60.22, 35.21, 33.59, 26.34, 14.20; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3047, 2977, 2933, 2863, 1730, 1699, 1505, 1369, 1179 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 242.1307, found 242.1300.

General procedure 5 for the synthesis of keto nitriles.

In a glovebox a flame-dried 50 mL flask was charged with solid LHMDS (5.25 mmol, 2.20 equiv). This flask was sealed on the benchtop under N_2 . THF (10 mL) was charged, dissolving the LHMDS. After cooling to -78°C , acetonitrile (6.21 mmol, 2.6 equiv) was added in one portion. The hazy light yellow solution was stirred for 0.5 hours at this

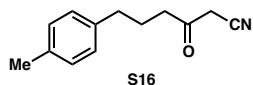
temperature. After this time a solution of the ester (**165**, 2.39 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 15 mL of THF was added fast drop-wise via cannula to the lithio-acetonitrile solution at -78°C . The reaction became orange during the addition of the ester. After completion of the transfer, the reaction was slowly warmed to 0°C over 1 hour. At this point TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of starting material, and was quenched with a saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the keto nitriles products.

3-Oxo-6-phenylhexanenitrile (**S15**)



The reaction was run on 2.58 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 429 mg (89% yield) of **S15** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 2H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.66 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.28, 140.74, 128.44, 128.36, 126.14, 113.71, 41.11, 34.50, 31.92, 24.58; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3026, 2943, 2863, 2260, 1729, 1497, 1453, 1403, 1373, 1308 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI $^-$) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}$] $^-$ 186.0924, found 186.0921.

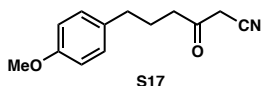
3-Oxo-6-(*p*-tolyl)hexanenitrile (**S16**)



The reaction was run on 1.00 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude

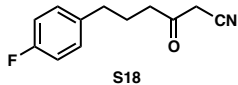
material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 158 mg (79% yield) of **S16** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.05 (m, 2H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.60 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.96 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.26, 137.61, 135.73, 129.18, 128.30, 113.67, 41.17, 34.11, 31.95, 24.73, 20.97; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3019, 2943, 2921, 2863, 2260, 1729, 1514, 1457, 1403, 1373, 1308 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 200.1081, found 200.1085.

6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**S17**)



The reaction was run on 2.16 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 280 mg (60% yield) of **S17** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.59 (m, 4H), 1.95 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.33, 157.94, 132.74, 129.29, 113.84, 113.72, 55.19, 41.10, 33.61, 31.91, 24.85; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3036, 3010, 2952, 2922, 2835, 2258, 1716, 1615, 1585, 1515, 1372, 1347, 1300, 1251 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 216.1030, found 216.1038.

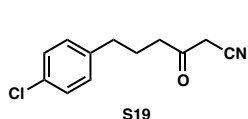
6-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**S18**)



The reaction was run on 2.38 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 380 mg (78% yield) of **S18** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 2.62 (m, 4H), 1.95 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.32, 161.38 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 243.5$ Hz), 136.47 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz),

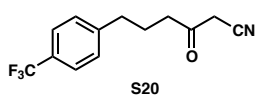
129.64 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.7$ Hz), 115.04 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 20.8$ Hz), 113.77, 40.96, 33.61, 31.90, 24.64, 24.63; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3040, 2946, 2867, 2261, 1731, 1600, 1510, 1454, 1403, 1307, 1219 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M-H}]^-$ 204.0830, found 204.0830.

6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**S19**)



The reaction was run on 1.97 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 250 mg (57% yield) of **S19** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.09 (m, 2H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 2.62 (m, 4H), 1.94 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.09, 139.24, 131.83, 129.69, 128.53, 113.67, 41.00, 33.84, 31.98, 24.46; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3027, 2946, 2866, 2260, 1729, 1696, 1492, 1455, 1406, 1373, 1306, 1090 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClNO}$ $[\text{M-H}]^-$ 220.0535, found 220.0549.

3-Oxo-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexanenitrile (**S20**)

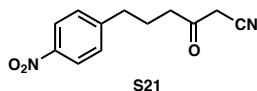


The reaction was run on 1.61 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 250 mg (61% yield) of **S20** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 2.71 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.05, 145.02 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.5$ Hz), 128.66, 128.41 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.2$ Hz), 125.34 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.23 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.0$ Hz), 113.69, 40.98, 34.31, 31.99, 24.27; FTIR (NaCl, thin

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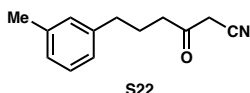
HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 254.0798, found 254.0813.

6-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**S21**)

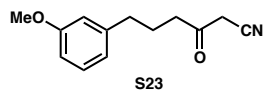


The reaction was run on 1.00 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 124 mg (54% yield) of **S21** as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 2H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.75 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 196.80, 148.75, 146.51, 129.17, 123.75, 113.60, 40.94, 34.43, 32.05, 24.11; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2952, 2920, 2870, 2258, 1728, 1597, 1507, 1347 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 231.0775, found 231.0785.

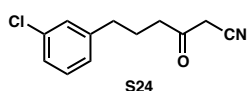
3-Oxo-6-(*m*-tolyl)hexanenitrile (**S22**)



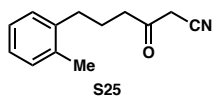
The reaction was run on 2.04 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 329 mg (80% yield) of **S22** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.18 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.61 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.97 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.29, 140.67, 138.09, 129.20, 128.36, 126.91, 125.39, 113.70, 41.18, 34.45, 31.93, 24.62, 21.35; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3017, 2944, 2920, 2863, 2260, 1731, 1607, 1588, 1487, 1455, 1403, 1306 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 202.1226, found 202.1225.

6-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (S23)

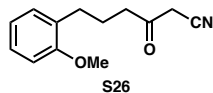
The reaction was run on 1.00 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 175 mg (81% yield) of **S23** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.21 (t, $J = 7.8$ 1H), 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.70 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.21, 159.69, 142.36, 129.48, 120.77, 114.21, 113.67, 111.38, 55.12, 41.12, 34.55, 31.96, 24.48; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3002, 2943, 2836, 2260, 1729, 1601, 1583, 1487, 1455, 1312, 1260 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 218.1176, found 218.1182.

6-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (S24)

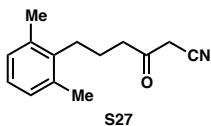
The reaction was run on 1.68 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 310 mg (84% yield) of **S24** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.04 (m, 1H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 2.61 (m, 4H), 1.94 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.04, 142.85, 134.15, 129.74, 128.42, 126.57, 126.34, 113.66, 41.00, 34.17, 31.99, 24.32; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3060, 2946, 2867, 2260, 1731, 1697, 1572, 1475, 1403, 1305 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NClO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 221.0607, found 221.0608.

3-Oxo-6-(*o*-tolyl)hexanenitrile (S25)

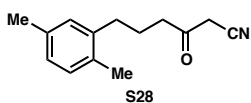
The reaction was run on 2.09 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 311 mg (75% yield) of **S25** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.14 (m, 4H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 2.64 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.93 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.30, 138.98, 135.88, 130.24, 128.77, 126.20, 125.87, 113.77, 41.33, 31.94, 31.85, 23.28, 19.09; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3017, 2946, 2920, 2260, 1732, 1603, 1493, 1462, 1403, 1372, 1306 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 201.1154, found 201.1149.

6-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (S26)

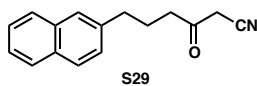
The reaction was run on 1.00 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 165 mg (76% yield) of **S26** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.20 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.94 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.46, 157.40, 130.04, 129.14, 127.53, 120.49, 113.79, 110.36, 55.23, 41.37, 31.80, 28.99, 23.41; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3002, 2941, 2837, 2260, 1729, 1599, 1586, 1493, 1464, 1290, 1243 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 218.1176, found 218.1178.

6-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (S27)

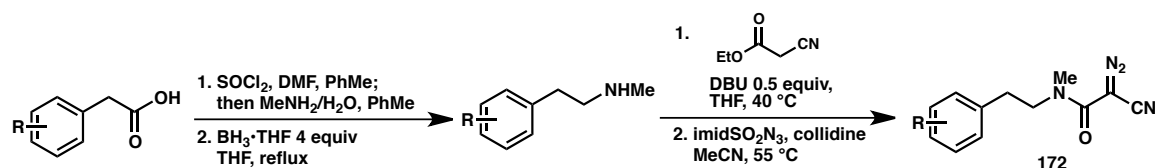
The reaction was run on 3.18 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 600 mg (88% yield) of **S27** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.02 (m, 3H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.73 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 1.82 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.14, 137.83, 136.04, 128.18, 125.96, 113.75, 41.91, 31.97, 28.65, 22.44, 19.75; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3019, 2953, 2941, 2260, 1732, 1585, 1470, 1403, 1306, 1092 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}$] $^-$ 214.1237, found 214.1243.

6-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (S28)

The reaction was run on 2.02 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 341 mg (78% yield) of **S28** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.92 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.23, 138.80, 135.37, 132.74, 130.25, 129.68, 126.97, 113.71, 41.48, 32.03, 31.92, 23.49, 20.88, 18.71; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2944, 2868, 2260, 1732, 1504, 1462, 1403, 1306, 1082 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$ [M] $^+$ 215.1310, found 215.1339.

6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (S29)

The reaction was run on 1.53 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 295 mg (82% yield) of **S29** as a wispy white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 2.81 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.04 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.22, 138.25, 133.42, 132.00, 128.10, 127.55, 127.33, 126.95, 126.53, 126.03, 125.33, 113.68, 41.04, 34.59, 31.87, 24.37; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3052, 2944, 2848, 2260, 1731, 1633, 1597, 1456, 1399, 1245, 1085 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ [M^+] 237.1154, found 237.1157.

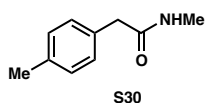
General procedure for the synthesis of α -diazo- β -amidonitriles**General procedure 6 for the synthesis of 2-arylacetamides.**

Adapted from the procedure of Haney et al.^{†††} To a 100 mL round bottom flask was charged (2-methylphenyl) acetic acid (3.47 mmol, 1.00 equiv) followed by anhydrous toluene (10 mL). DMF (0.31 mL, 1.15 equiv) and thionyl chloride (0.30 mL, 1.2 equiv) were added successively, resulting in a clear yellow solution, which was heated to 40 °C

^{†††} Ulysse, G. L.; Yang, Q.; McLaws, M. D.; Keefe, D. K.; Guzzo, P. R.; Haney, B. P.; *Organic Process Research & Development* **2010** 14 (1), 225.

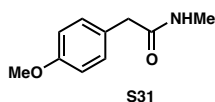
for 30 minutes. The resulting acid chloride solution was transferred to an addition funnel, and added in a rapid dropwise fashion to a vigorously stirred, pre-cooled (0 °C) 40% wt methylamine/water solution. A heterogeneous biphasic mixture resulted, and upon completion of the acid chloride addition was warmed to 22 °C for 30 minutes. LC/MS analysis indicated complete consumption of the starting 2-arylacetic acid. The reaction was quenched with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, brine, and subsequently dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure to yield a crude residue of sufficient purity for the ensuing reduction step. Recrystallization from hexanes/ethyl acetate was in certain cases employed to improve product purity.

***N*-Methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)acetamide (S30)**



The reaction was run on 3.47 mmol scale to afford 450 mg (80% yield) of **S30** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 5.32 (br s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 2.75 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 171.83, 136.90, 131.77, 129.59, 129.30, 43.17, 26.36, 20.98. FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3251, 3083, 2962, 2915, 2837, 1653, 1631, 1575, 1512, 1408, 1219, 1166 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 180.1019, found 180.1011.

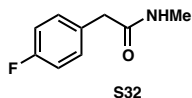
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methylacetamide (S31)



The reaction was run on 27.5 mmol scale to afford, after

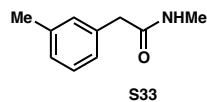
recrystallization from hexanes/EtOAc, 2.9 g (60% yield) of **S31** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.58 (br s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.72 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 171.98, 158.74, 130.49, 126.82, 114.30, 55.23, 42.67, 26.36; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3251, 3083, 2962, 2915, 2837, 1653, 1631, 1575, 1512, 1408, 1219, 1166 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 180.1019, found 180.1011.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-*N*-methylethanamide (**S32**)

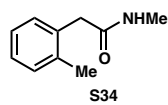


The reaction was run on 15.5 mmol scale to afford 2.1 g (80% yield) of **S32** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.99 (m, 2H), 5.86 (br s, 1H), 3.49 (s, 2H), 2.73 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 171.41, 162.02 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.6$ Hz), 130.85 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.7$ Hz), 130.67 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 115.63 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.6$ Hz), 42.54, 26.39; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3291, 3092, 2943, 2907, 1648, 1564, 1505, 1410, 1219, 1162 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 168.0819, found 168.0827.

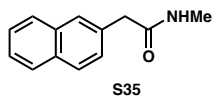
N-Methyl-2-(*m*-tolyl)acetamide (**S33**)



The reaction was run on 22.2 mmol scale to afford 2.5 g (70% yield) of **S33** as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.22 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 3H), 5.61 (br s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 2.74 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 171.73, 138.64, 134.75, 130.17, 128.80, 127.99, 126.40, 43.54, 26.39, 21.28; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3291, 3083, 2942, 1647, 1559, 1490, 1409, 1339 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 164.1070, found 164.1077.

***N*-methyl-2-(*o*-tolyl)acetamide (S34)**

The reaction was run on 21.3 mmol scale to afford 2.9 g (83% yield) of **S34** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.19 (m, 4H), 5.35 (br s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 2.73 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 171.29, 137.21, 133.33, 130.74, 130.49, 127.76, 126.56, 41.66, 26.40, 19.41; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3270, 3077, 2914, 1643, 1556, 1406, 1348, 1254 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 164.1070, found 164.1065.

***N*-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetamide (S35)**

The reaction was run on 15.0 mmol scale to afford 2.9 g (quantitative yield) of **S35** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (br s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 2.73 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 171.53, 133.43, 132.39, 132.34, 128.68, 128.19, 127.62, 127.51, 127.30, 126.35, 125.96, 43.70, 26.41; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3262, 3081, 3052, 2931, 1643, 1567, 1430, 1409, 1333, 1269, 1165 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 200.1070, found 200.1078.

General procedure 7 for the synthesis of 2-cyanoacetamides.

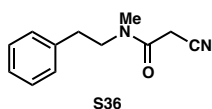
Adapted from the procedure of Priestley et al.^{§§§} To a 100 mL round bottom flask fitted with a condenser and flushed with nitrogen was charged *N*-methyl-2-phenylacetamide

^{§§§} Priestley, E. Scott; Cheney, Daniel L.; Wurtz, Nicholas R.; Glunz, Peter W.; PCT Int. Appl. (2007) WO 076431 A1.

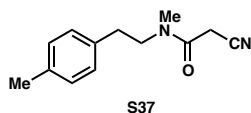
(2.53 mmol, 1.00 equiv) followed by anhydrous THF (10 mL). Borane–tetrahydrofuran (10.12 mmol, 1M THF, 4 equiv) was added via syringe to the amide at room temperature. Upon completion of the addition the clear, colorless reaction was heated to reflux for 4 hours. After this time the reaction was cooled in an ice bath, and methanol (3.5 mL) was added cautiously (gas evolution!). 6 M HCl (5 mL) was added fast dropwise, and the mixture was heated to reflux for 30 minutes. The volatiles were then concentrated *in vacuo*, and the resulting mixture was cooled in an ice bath and 50% aqueous NaOH (5 mL) was added (pH > 10). The mixture was then diluted with water and extracted with diethyl ether (3 X 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated, affording a colorless oil. The crude secondary amine was used directly in the subsequent step.

Adapted from the procedure of Price et al.^{****} To a 25 mL round bottom flask containing the N-methyl-2-phenethylamine (2.60 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added DBU (1.30 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and THF (5 mL). Ethyl cyanoacetate (3.88 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added in one portion, and the clear, deep yellow reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight. After TLC analysis indicated complete consumption of the starting material, the volatiles were concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography to afford the 2-cyanoacetamide products.

^{****} Price, K. E.; Larrivée-Aboussafy, C.; Lillie, B. M.; McLaughlin, R. W.; Mustakis, J.; Hettenbach, K. W.; Hawkins, J. M.; Vaidyanathan, R.; *Org. Lett.* **2009** 11 (9), 2003.

2-Cyano-N-methyl-N-phenethylacetamide (S36)

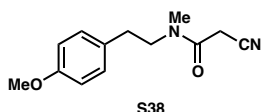
The reaction was run on 9.10 mmol scale and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (3:7 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 1.34 g (72% yield, 2 steps) of **S36** as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz; compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 7.28 (m, 4H*, 4H §), 7.14 (m, 1H*, 1H §), 3.62 (m, 2H §), 3.50 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H*), 3.44 (s, 2H §), 3.03 (s, 3H §), 2.91 (s, 3H*), 2.88 (m, 4H*, 2H §); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz; compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 161.66 § , 161.33*, 138.25*, 137.46 § , 128.98*, 128.62* § , 128.49 § , 127.15*, 126.44 § , 114.05 § , 113.92*, 52.19 § , 50.47*, 36.48*, 34.02 § , 33.80 § , 33.27*, 25.20 § , 24.03*; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3027, 2928, 2860, 2259, 1657, 1453, 1401, 1175 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 203.1179, found 203.1177.

2-Cyano-N-methyl-N-(4-methylphenethyl)acetamide (S37)

The reaction was run on 2.53 mmol scale and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (3:7 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 347 mg (63% yield, 2 steps) of **S37** as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz; compound exists as a 1.2:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 7.15 (m, 2H*), 7.11 (m, 4H §), 7.03 (m, 2H*), 3.60 (m, 2H §), 3.48 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H*), 3.44 (s, 2H §), 3.02 (s, 3H*), 2.91 (s, 3H §), 2.87 (s, 2H*), 2.84 (m, 2H*, 2H §), 2.34 (s, 3H*), 2.32 (s, 3H §); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.2:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer

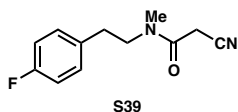
denoted by §) δ 161.67*, 161.34 § , 136.59*, 135.75 § , 135.05 § , 134.26*, 129.45 § , 129.02*, 128.41*, 128.35 § , 114.10*, 114.02 § , 52.08*, 50.35 § , 36.25 § , 33.61*, 33.41*, 32.68 § , 25.06*, 23.94 § , 20.75* § ; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3027, 2923, 2861, 2259, 1657, 1515, 1452, 1401, 1172 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 217.1335, found 217.1330.

2-Cyano-N-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-N-methylacetamide (S38)



The reaction was run on 11.4 mmol scale to afford, after chromatography (3:7 hexanes:EtOAc) and recrystallization from hexanes/EtOAc, 1.26 g (47% yield, 2 steps) of **S38** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz; compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 7.12 (m, 2H §), 7.05 (m, 2H*), 6.87 (m, 2H*), 6.85 (m, 2H §), 3.80 (s, 3H*), 3.79 (s, 3H §), 3.58 (m, 2H §), 3.47 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H*), 3.44 (s, 2H §), 3.02 (s, 3H*), 2.90 (s, 3H §), 2.90 (s, 2H*), 2.82 (m, 2H*, 2H §); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 161.47* § , 158.41* § , 130.23 § , 129.63* § , 129.30*, 114.39*, 114.09 § , 113.91* § , 55.19*, 55.13 § , 52.43*, 50.67 § , 36.54 § , 33.81*, 33.13*, 32.40 § , 25.21 § , 24.10*; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3030, 2935, 2836, 2259, 1660, 1611, 1513, 1464, 1401, 1247, 1178 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 233.1285, found 233.1289.

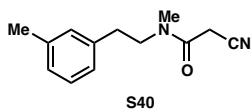
2-Cyano-N-(4-fluorophenethyl)-N-methylacetamide (S39)



The reaction was run on 8.8 mmol scale and the crude material was

purified by silica gel chromatography (3:7 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 1.00 g (52% yield, 2 steps) of **S39** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz; compound exists as a 1.5:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 7.15 (m, 2H^* , 2H^{\S}), 7.02 (m, 2H^* , 2H^{\S}), 3.59 (m, 2H^*), 3.49 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H^{\S}), 3.44 (s, 2H^*), 3.03 (s, 2H^{\S}), 3.02 (s, 3H^{\S}), 2.93 (s, 3H^*), 2.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H^{\S}), 2.85 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H^*); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.5:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 161.85 § (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 246.4$ Hz), 161.59* (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 244.0$ Hz), 161.51 § , 161.37*, 133.93* (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 133.12 § (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 130.21 § (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.1$ Hz), 130.12* (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.0$ Hz), 115.93 § (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.4$ Hz), 115.39* (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.1$ Hz), 113.95 § , 113.82*, 52.27 § (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.7$ Hz), 50.53* (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.4$ Hz), 36.57*, 33.91 § , 33.36 § , 32.51*, 25.25*, 24.28 § ; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3040, 2932, 2866, 2260, 1660, 1600, 1510, 1402, 1220 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 221.1085, found 221.1090.

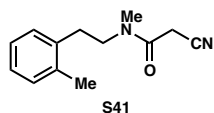
2-Cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-(3-methylphenethyl)acetamide (**S40**)



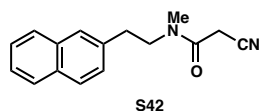
The reaction was run on 11.4 mmol scale and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (4:6 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 1.35 g (65% yield, 2 steps) of **S40** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz; compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 7.20 (m, 1H^* , 1H^{\S}), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.5$, 1H^*), 7.03 (m, 1H^* , 2H^{\S}), 6.94 (m, 1H^* , 1H^{\S}), 3.59 (m, 2H^{\S}), 3.48 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H^*), 3.45 (s, 2H^{\S}), 3.02 (s, 3H^*), 2.92 (s, 3H^{\S}), 2.91 (s, 2H^*), 2.83 (m, 2H^* , 2H^{\S}), 2.34 (s, 3H^*), 2.33 (s, 3H^{\S}); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is

designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 161.67*, 161.22§, 138.89*, 138.26§, 138.21§, 137.42*, 129.54§, 129.47*, 129.01§, 128.49§, 128.02*, 127.30*, 125.67*§, 114.02*, 113.78§, 52.41*, 50.73§, 36.68§, 34.12*, 33.93*, 33.33§, 25.28§, 24.11*, 21.31*§; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3017, 2923, 2858, 2259, 1660, 1486, 1457, 1402, 1169 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 217.1335, found 217.1347.

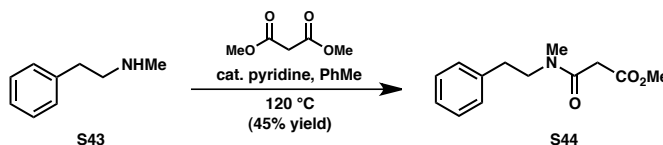
2-Cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-(2-methylphenethyl)acetamide (**S41**)



The reaction was run on 11.5 mmol scale and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (3:7 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford, after recrystallization from hexanes/EtOAc, 1.00 g (40% yield, 2 steps) of **S41** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz; compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 7.16 (m, 4H*, 3H§), 7.05 (m, 1H§), 3.56 (m, 2H*), 3.48 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H§), 3.47 (s, 2H*), 3.04 (s, 3H§), 2.96 (s, 3H*), 2.91 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H§), 2.89 (m, 2H*, 2H§), 2.38 (s, 3H*), 2.34 (s, 3H§); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 161.57§, 161.31*, 136.33§, 136.22*, 135.66*, 135.65§, 130.79§, 130.37*, 129.61§, 129.35*, 127.45§, 126.72*, 126.65§, 126.10*, 114.03§, 113.85*, 51.03§, 49.43*, 36.49*, 34.11§, 31.37§, 30.76*, 25.25*, 23.86§, 19.17§, 19.10*; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3015, 2946, 2858, 2259, 1654, 1490, 1458, 1400, 1172 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 217.1335, found 217.1343.

2-Cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)acetamide (S42)

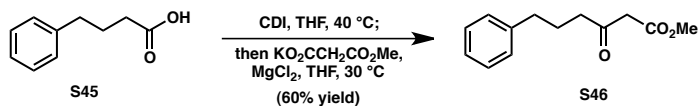
The reaction was run on 13.0 mmol scale and the crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (3:7 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 2.00 g (61% yield, 2 steps) of **S42** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz; compound exists as a 1.2:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 7.82 (m, 3H*, 3H §), 7.66 (s, 1H*), 7.61 (s, 1H §), 7.48 (m, 2H*, 2H §), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H*), 7.28 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H §), 3.71 (m, 2H*), 3.61 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H §), 3.45 (s, 2H*), 3.06 (m, 2H*, 5H §), 2.96 (s, 2H §), 2.91 (s, 3H*); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.2:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 161.52 § , 161.37*, 135.79*, 134.76 § , 133.42*, 133.36 § , 132.19 § , 132.10*, 128.76 § , 128.20*, 128.20 § , 127.63*, 127.54*, 127.39* § , 127.37 § , 127.31*, 127.08 § , 127.01 § , 126.53 § , 126.48*, 126.06*, 125.94 § , 125.47* § , 113.99 § , 113.89*, 52.12 § , 50.45*, 36.58*, 34.33 § , 33.94 § , 33.49*, 25.21*, 24.22 § ; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3015, 3019, 2939, 2861, 2259, 1659, 1483, 1401, 1176 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 253.1335, found 253.1345.

Preparation of methyl 3-(methyl(phenethyl)amino)-3-oxopropanoate (S44)

To a 10 mL schlenk tube under an atmosphere of nitrogen was added commercially available *N*-methyl-phenethylamine **S43** (400 mg, 2.96 mmol), dimethyl malonate (510 mL, 4.44 mmol), and toluene (6 mL). Pyridine (12 mL, 0.148 mmol) was

charged and the tube was sealed and heated to 120 °C for 48 hours. The initially murky mixture clarified to a light yellow solution upon achieving reflux. After cooling the reaction was loaded directly onto a silica gel column and purified by flash chromatography (0→60% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **S44** (0.31 g, 45% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz; compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 7.29 (m, 2H^* , 2H^\S), 7.19 (m, 3H^* , 3H^\S), 3.76 (s, 3H^*), 3.71 (s, 3H^\S), 3.61 (m, 2H^*), 3.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H^\S), 3.44 (s, 2H^*), 3.15 (s, 2H^\S), 2.99 (s, 3H^\S), 2.87 (m, 5H^* , 2H^\S); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1.1:1 mixture of rotamers, major rotamer is designated by *, minor rotamer denoted by §) δ 168.02 § , 167.97*, 165.79 § , 165.70*, 138.86*, 137.77 § , 128.83 § , 128.77*, 128.66 § , 128.45*, 126.86 § , 126.32*, 52.38*, 52.34 § , 52.31 § , 50.23*, 41.40*, 40.42 § , 36.66*, 34.59 § , 33.61 § , 33.49*; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3026, 2949, 1743, 1653, 1490, 1437, 1325, 1257, 1155 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 236.1281, found 236.1284.

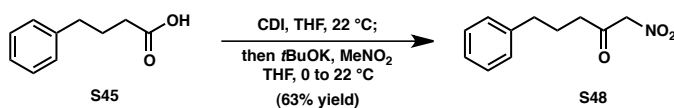
Preparation of methyl 3-oxo-6-phenylhexanoate (**S46**)



A flame-dried 100 mL round-bottom flask equipped with stir bar and reflux condenser was charged with potassium monomethyl malonate (1.59 g, 10.1 mmol) and MgCl_2 (0.64 g, 6.77 mmol). This flask was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen 3 times. THF (10 mL) was added and the suspension was heated to 65 °C for 3 hr, followed

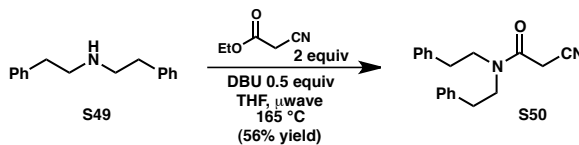
by 30 °C for 2 h. A separate 50 mL flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with commercially available 4-phenylbutyric acid **S45** (1.11 g, 6.77 mmol) and carbonyl diimidazole (1.15 g, 7.11 mmol). The flask was fitted with a reflux condenser and THF (10 mL) was added, and the solution was heated at 40 °C for 1 hour. The resulting acyl imidazole solution was added dropwise via cannula to the magnesium malonate suspension at 30 °C (NOTE: a white precipitate forms rapidly, and vigorous stirring is necessary to avoid clumping). After 12 hr the white suspension was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by the addition of 1M HCl (5 mL). The reaction was extracted into EtOAc (3 x 50 mL), washed successively with water, brine, and dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration under reduced pressure yielded a crude oil, which was purified by flash chromatography (0→20% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding β -ketoester **S46** (0.90 g, 60% yield) as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as a 10:1 mixture of ketone : enol tautomers, only major ketone peaks are reported) δ 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.17 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.94 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 10:1 mixture of ketone : enol tautomers, only major ketone peaks are reported) δ 202.37, 167.52, 141.24, 128.37, 128.33, 125.94, 52.26, 48.95, 42.06, 34.70, 24.76; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3026, 2951, 2860, 1748, 1715, 1628, 1496, 1453, 1407, 1319, 1258 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 219.1027, found 219.1027.

Preparation of 1-nitro-5-phenylpentan-2-one (**S48**)



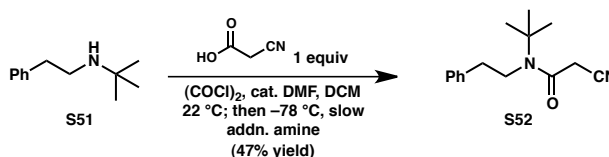
A 250 mL flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with commercially available 4-phenylbutyric acid **S45** (1.42 g, 8.66 mmol) and carbonyl diimidazole (1.15 mg, 7.11 mmol). THF (45 mL) was introduced, and the clear, colorless solution was stirred at 22 °C for 5 hrs. In a separate 100 mL round-bottom flask potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.12 g, 9.96 mmol) was dissolved in THF (30 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Nitromethane (4.67 mL, 86.6 mmol) was added dropwise, resulting in a thick white slurry. After warming to room temperature, the slurry was poured directly into the acyl imidazole flask pre-cooled to 0 °C, and the headspace with re-swept with nitrogen. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the orange slurry was quenched with 1M HCl. The volatiles were concentrated and the aqueous was extracted twice with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding α -nitroketone **S48** (1.14 g, 63% yield) as a white solid, after recrystallization from EtOAc/hexanes. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 2.67 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 195.93, 140.61, 128.49, 128.37, 126.20, 83.10, 39.40, 34.45, 24.34; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3063, 3019, 2954, 2868, 1727, 1655, 1454, 1397, 1341, 1312, 1198 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 206.0823, found 206.0814.

Preparation of 2-cyano-*N,N*-diphenethylacetamide (**S50**)



To a 5 mL microwave vessel was added *N,N*-diphenethylamine **S49**^{††††} (1.2 g, 5.33 mmol) and a stirbar, and was sealed with a crimped cap under nitrogen. 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (0.40 mL, 2.67 mmol), THF (3 mL) and ethylcyanoacetate (1.13 mL, 10.66 mmol) were added successively via syringe, and the clear orange solution was heated in a microwave to 165 °C for 45 minutes. After cooling the reaction was extracted with EtOAc, washed with 1M HCl, brine, and dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure, and the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→33% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding acetamide **S50** (1.0 g, 56% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz; compound exists as a 1:1 mixture of rotamers) δ 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.09 (m, 2H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.87 (s, 2H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz, compound exists as a 1:1 mixture of rotamers) δ 161.59, 138.46, 137.38, 129.03, 128.72, 128.69, 128.58, 127.22, 126.52, 113.96, 50.73, 48.37, 34.53, 33.49, 24.34; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3061, 3027, 2926, 2860, 2256, 1660, 1496, 1454, 1428, 1368, 1183 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O [M+H]⁺ 293.1648, found 293.1660.

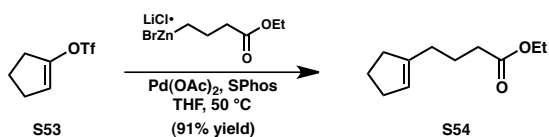
Preparation of *N*-(*t*-butyl)-2-cyano-*N*-phenethylacetamide (**S52**)



^{††††} Synthesized from *N*-phenethyl-2-phenylacetamide (coupling product of 2-phenethylamine and phenylacetic acid), followed by borane reduction according to general procedure 7.

To a 25 mL round bottom flask containing cyanoacetic acid (64 mg, 0.75 mmol) was added DCM (5 mL) and one drop of DMF. Oxalyl chloride (70 mL, 0.83 mmol) was added in one portion, and gas evolution resulted. After 20 minutes the bubbling ceased, and the reaction was cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and a solution of amine **S72**^{†††} (0.40 g, 2.3 mmol) in DCM (7 mL) was added dropwise to the acid chloride via cannula. The reaction immediately turned yellow upon addition of the amine and progressed to a clear dark orange solution during the addition. The reaction was warmed to $22\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred for 10 minutes, at which point TLC analysis indicated formation of a new species. The volatiles were concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography (0 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 30% EtOAc/hexanes), cyanoamide **S73** (86 mg, 47% yield, unoptimized) as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 3.48 (m, 2H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 2.87 (t, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 161.98, 137.45, 129.02, 128.40, 127.14, 114.54, 58.57, 47.70, 37.93, 28.68, 27.46; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2973, 2918, 2255, 1653, 1453, 1413, 1394, 1362, 1175 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 245.1648, found 245.1661.

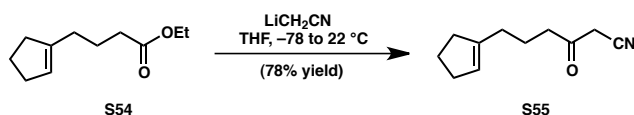
Preparation of ethyl 4-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)butanoate (**S54**)



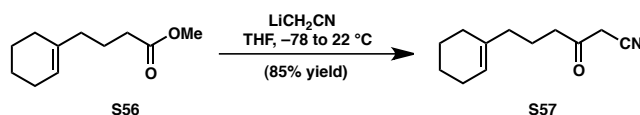
^{†††} Padwa, A.; Austin, D. J.; Price, A. T.; Semones, M. A.; Doyle, M. P.; Protopopova, M. N.; Winchester, W. R.; Tran, A.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 8669.

Compound **S54** was synthesized according to general procedure 4. The reaction was run on 5.10 mmol scale for 0.5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (95:5 Hexanes:Et₂O) to give 850 mg (91% yield) of **S54** as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.33 (m, 1H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (m, 4H), 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 173.70, 143.58, 124.06, 60.14, 34.86, 33.96, 32.40, 30.47, 23.38, 23.01, 14.22; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2947, 2844, 1737, 1446, 1372, 1242, 1178 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₁H₁₉O₂ [M+H]⁺ 183.1380, found 183.1371.

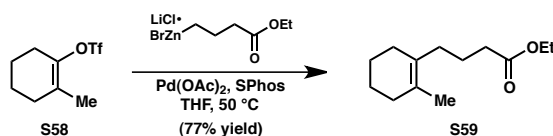
Preparation of 6-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**S55**)



Compound **S55** was synthesized according to general procedure 5. The reaction was run on 4.17 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 572 mg (78% yield) of **S55** as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.34 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.58 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.78 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 197.45, 143.13, 124.64, 113.77, 41.56, 34.70, 32.35, 32.00, 30.03, 23.32, 21.22; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2947, 2844, 2260, 1729, 1444, 1403, 1306, 1085 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₁H₁₄NO [M-H]⁻ 176.1081, found 176.1073.

Preparation of 6-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (S57)

Compound **S57** was synthesized according to general procedure 5 from known compound **S56**.^{§§§§} The reaction was run on 1.78 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 290 mg (85% yield) of **S57** as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.38 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (m, 4H), 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.73 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.53 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 197.52, 136.33, 122.29, 113.79, 41.38, 36.92, 32.01, 27.85, 25.14, 22.80, 22.35, 21.09; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2926, 2934, 2260, 1728, 1438, 1403, 1306, 1091 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₂H₁₆NO [M-H]⁻ 190.1237, found 190.1233.

Preparation of ethyl 4-(2-methylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)butanoate (S59)

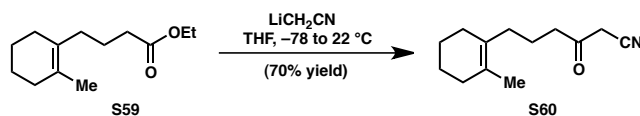
Compound **S59** was synthesized according to general procedure 4. Enol triflate **S58** was synthesized according to Isamir et al.^{*****} and obtained as a 9:1 mixture of **S59** to the enol triflate derived from the thermodynamic enolization of 2-Me cyclohexanone. The reaction was run on 2.95 mmol scale for 3 hr. The crude material was purified by

§§§§ Snider, B. B.; *J. Org. Chem.* **1974**, 39, 255.

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silica gel chromatography (95:5 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 600 mg (77% yield) of **S59** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as a 5:1 mixture of alkene isomers, only major **S59** peaks are reported) δ 4.12 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.27 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.91 (m, 4H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 5:1 mixture of alkene isomers, only major **S59** peaks are reported) δ 173.84, 128.94, 126.94, 60.15, 34.02, 32.62, 31.82, 29.34, 23.42, 23.37, 23.33, 19.02, 14.25; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2927, 2858, 1737, 1447, 1372, 1245, 1155 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 211.1693, found 211.1697.

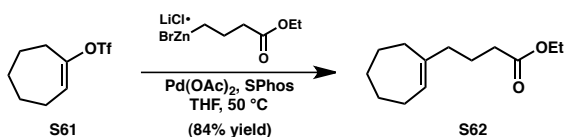
Preparation of 6-(2-methylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**S60**)



Compound **S60** was synthesized according to general procedure 5. The reaction was run on 1.66 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc), and followed by recrystallization from 99:1 Hexanes:EtOAc, afforded 230 mg (70% yield) of **S60** as a wispy white solid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as a 93:7 mixture of alkene isomers, only major **S60** peaks are reported) δ 3.44 (s, 2H), 2.58 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.02 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.91 (m, 4H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.56 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as a 93:7 mixture of alkene isomers, only major **S60** peaks are reported) δ 197.53, 128.51, 127.49, 113.79, 41.67, 32.14, 31.93, 31.76, 29.24, 23.31, 23.22, 21.71,

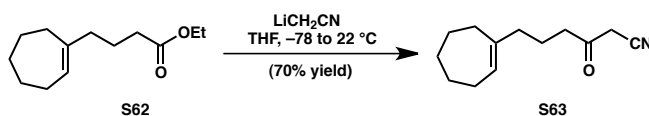
19.09; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2924, 2858, 2260, 1730, 1448, 1403, 1371, 1306, 1077 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 204.1394, found 204.1387.

Preparation of ethyl 4-(cyclohept-1-en-1-yl)butanoate (**S62**)



Compound **S62** was synthesized according to general procedure 4. The reaction was run on 5.10 mmol scale for 0.5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (95:5 Hexanes: Et_2O) to give 900 mg (84% yield) of **S62** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 5.53 (tt, $J = 6.5, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 4H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.44 (m, 4H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.80, 143.50, 126.80, 60.10, 39.50, 33.74, 32.61, 32.52, 28.27, 27.30, 26.81, 23.11, 14.22; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2919, 2847, 1737, 1446, 1372, 1244, 1169 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 211.1693, found 211.1691.

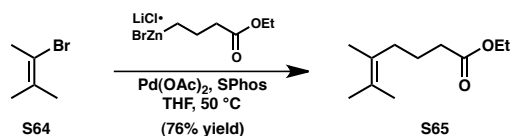
Preparation of 6-(cyclohept-1-en-1-yl)-3-oxohexanenitrile (**S63**)



Compound **S63** was synthesized according to general procedure 5. The reaction was run on 3.57 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel

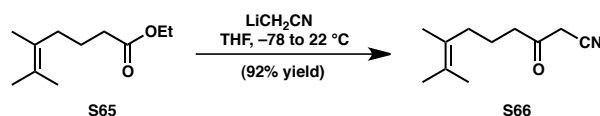
chromatography (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 510 mg (70% yield) of **S63** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 5.52 (tt, J = 6.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (m, 4H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.44 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.54, 143.11, 127.37, 113.78, 41.34, 39.02, 32.50, 32.34, 32.04, 28.21, 27.23, 26.74, 21.29; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2919, 2846, 2260, 1729, 1446, 1403, 1306, 1091 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 204.1394, found 204.1397.

**Preparation of ethyl
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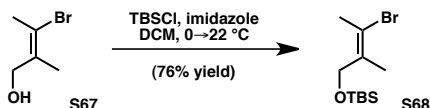


5,6-dimethylhept-5-

Compound **S65** was synthesized according to general procedure 4. The reaction was run on 3.63 mmol scale for 2.5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 510 mg (76% yield) of **S65** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.62 (m, 9H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.81, 126.65, 124.91, 60.14, 33.91, 33.60, 23.35, 20.54, 20.11, 18.16, 14.23; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2981, 2917, 2862, 1737, 1457, 1372, 1243, 1173 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 185.1536, found 185.1540.

Preparation of 7,8-dimethyl-3-oxonon-7-enenitrile (S66)

Compound **S66** was synthesized according to general procedure 5. The reaction was run on 1.47 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 253 mg (92% yield) of **S66** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.56 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.04 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.63 (br s, 6H), 1.60 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 197.55, 126.21, 125.46, 113.80, 41.54, 33.07, 31.92, 21.67, 20.52, 20.18, 18.06; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2987, 2918, 2862, 2260, 1730, 1451, 1372, 1306, 1084 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 178.1237, found 178.1248.

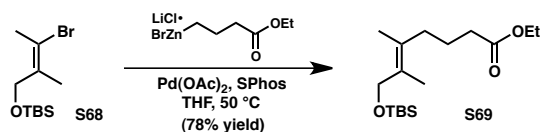
Preparation of bromo alkene (S68)

To a 250 mL round bottom flask was added allylic alcohol **S67**^{†††††} (2.40 g, 14.5 mmol), dichloromethane (100 mL), and imidazole (1.20 g, 1.75 mmol). The clear colorless solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (2.40 g, 16.0 mmol) was added in one portion. A mild exotherm occurred and a white

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solid rapidly precipitated. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 16 hr. The reaction was quenched with water and the organic phase was separated and washed successively with 1M HCl, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (100% hexanes), yielding bromo alkene **S68** (3.50 g, 10:1 *E:Z* ratio, 63% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.34 (m, 3H), 1.89 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 133.92, 119.61, 62.70, 25.85, 24.94, 20.86, 18.32, -5.32; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2954, 2928, 2856, 2884, 1471, 1372, 1254, 1086, 1056 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) calc'd for C₁₁H₂₂OSi⁸¹Br [M+H]⁺-H₂ 279.0603, found 279.0598.

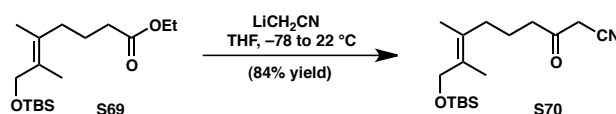
Preparation of ethyl ester (**S69**)



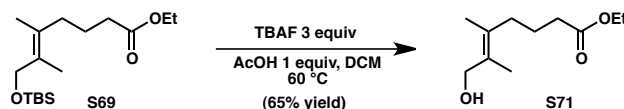
Compound **S69** was synthesized according to general procedure 4. The reaction was run on 3.25 mmol scale for 4 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9.5:0.5 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 800 mg (78% yield) of **S69** as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 4.13 (m, 4H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.5

Hz, 2H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 8H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 173.71, 129.42, 129.03, 63.87, 60.20, 34.05, 33.96, 25.97, 22.99, 18.42, 17.73, 15.41, 14.24, -5.21; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2955, 2929, 2856, 1737, 1471, 1372, 1251, 1163 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{OTBS}]^+$ 183.1380, found 183.1384.

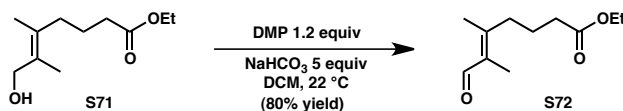
Preparation of **b-ketonitrile (S70)**



Compound **S70** was synthesized according to general procedure 5. The reaction was run on 2.39 mmol scale for 3 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 622 mg (84% yield) of **S70** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 4.13 (s, 2H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 2.59 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.66 (m, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 197.39, 129.55, 129.00, 113.76, 63.79, 41.46, 33.49, 31.98, 25.96, 21.24, 18.41, 17.59, 15.60, -5.24; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2953, 2928, 2856, 2260, 1732, 1462, 1371, 1254, 1067 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{OTBS}]^+$ 178.1226, found 178.1234.

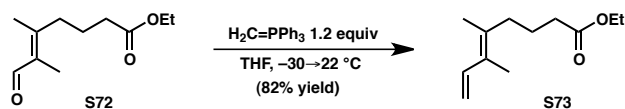
Preparation of (*E*)-ethyl 7-hydroxy-5,6-dimethylhept-5-enoate (S71**)**

To the ester (**S69**, 1.25 g, 3.98 mmol) in a 100 mL round bottom flask was added in succession DCM (15 mL), acetic acid (0.24 mL, 3.98 mmol) and tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride (12 mL, 1M THF solution, 11.9 mmol). The clear, colorless reaction was heated to 60 °C for 18 hours open to air, at which point TLC analysis indicated full consumption of the starting material. The volatiles were concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→25→40% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding allylic alcohol **S71** (520 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 4.12 (m, 4H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 8H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 173.63, 132.06, 128.66, 63.98, 60.26, 33.93, 33.92, 22.93, 17.72, 16.21, 14.23; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3420, 2977, 2935, 2863, 1734, 1447, 1373, 1160 cm⁻¹; HRMS (MM) calc'd for C₁₁H₁₉O₂ [M–OH]⁺ 183.1380, found 183.1382.

Preparation of (*E*)-ethyl 5,6-dimethyl-7-oxohept-5-enoate (S72**)**

To a 25 mL round bottom flask was added the allylic alcohol (**S71**, 170 mg, 0.865 mmol) followed by DCM (15 mL) and sodium bicarbonate (363 mg, 4.33 mmol). Dess-Martin periodinane (440 mg, 1.04 mmol) was charged and the slurry was stirred vigorously at 22 °C open to air. After 15 minutes TLC analysis indicated full consumption of the starting material. The reaction was diluted with hexanes (10 mL), filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The white solid residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→15% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding enal **S72** (135 mg, 80% yield) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 10.13 (s, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.30 (m, 2H), 2.18 (q, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.74 (q, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 191.47, 172.97, 156.84, 132.61, 60.43, 36.25, 33.78, 22.30, 17.16, 14.19, 10.55; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2980, 2936, 2872, 1732, 1667, 1447, 1373, 1172 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ 199.1329, found 199.1328.

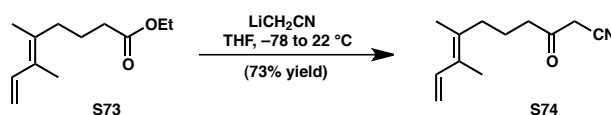
Preparation of (*E*)-ethyl 5,6-dimethylocta-5,7-dienoate (**S73**)



To an oven-dried 25 mL round bottom flask was added MePPh_3Br (353 mg, 0.990 mmol), and the headspace was purged with N_2 . The solid was slurried in THF (5 mL) and the mixture was cooled to -30 °C in a dry ice/acetone bath. *n*-Butyllithium (400 mL,

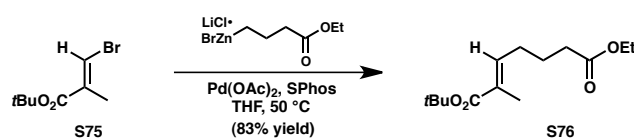
2.1M hexanes, 0.850 mmol) was added dropwise, resulting in dissolution of the solids and the formation of a clear bright yellow solution. The flask was warmed briefly to 22 °C and re-cooled to –30 °C. In a conical 10 mL round bottom flask a THF (5 mL) solution of enal **S72** (140 mg, 0.707 mmol) was cannula transferred to the phosphorane at –30 °C. During the addition the yellow color of the Wittig reagent dissipated, and upon completion of the transfer the reaction was warmed to 22 °C for 10 minutes. After TLC analysis indicated full consumption of the starting material, the reaction was quenched with 200 mL of acetic acid and diluted with hexanes (20 mL). The white slurry was filtered through celite, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The white solid residue was purified by flash chromatography (0→10% EtOAc/hexanes), yielding diene **S73** (113 mg, 82% yield) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 6.82 (dd, J = 17.2, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, J = 10.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.81 (q, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.74 (m, 5H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E:Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 173.59, 135.89, 134.36, 127.51, 111.63, 60.24, 34.83, 33.94, 23.20, 18.19, 14.24, 13.31; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3088, 2980, 2934, 2869, 1736, 1373, 1173 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 197.1536, found 197.1533.

Preparation of (*E*)-7,8-dimethyl-3-oxodeca-7,9-dienenitrile (**S74**)



Compound **S74** was synthesized according to general procedure 5. The reaction was run on 0.58 mmol scale for 1 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 80 mg (73% yield) of **S74** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E*:*Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 6.80 (dd, $J = 17.2$, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, $J = 17.2$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, $J = 10.9$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 2.60 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.80 (q, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.76 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz, compound exists as an inseparable 10:1 *E*:*Z* mixture of alkene isomers, only major peaks are reported) δ 197.24, 135.67, 133.74, 127.89, 113.71, 112.13, 41.50, 34.29, 31.99, 21.49, 18.11, 13.43; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3020, 2921, 2871, 2261, 1732, 1446, 1376, 1307 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 190.1237, found 190.1235.

Preparation of (*E*)-1-*tert*-butyl 7-ethyl 2-methylhept-2-enedioate (**S76**)

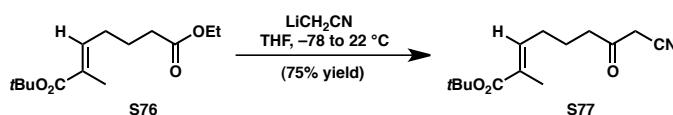


Compound **S76** was synthesized according to general procedure 4. Bromo ester **S75** was synthesized according to the procedure of Zhang et al.^{****} The reaction was run on 11.3 mmol scale for 0.5 hr. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (9.5:0.5 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 2.60 g (83% yield) of **S76** as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.62 (tq, $J = 7.5$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H),

**** Li, X.; Zeng, X.; *Tett. Lett.* **2006**, 47, 6839.

2.32 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.19 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.78 (m, 5H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 173.26, 167.36, 139.61, 130.03, 80.01, 60.30, 33.72, 28.08, 27.91, 23.86, 14.21, 12.38; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2978, 2933, 2868, 1734, 1700, 1457, 1368, 1251, 1159 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}^+ - t\text{Bu}]^-$ 199.0976, found 199.0975.

Preparation of (*E*)-*tert*-butyl 8-cyano-2-methyl-7-oxooct-2-enoate (**S77**)



Compound **S77** was synthesized according to general procedure 5. The reaction was run on 1.04 mmol scale for 5 minutes at -78 °C, after which time it was immediately quenched with acetic acid (140 mL, 2.28 mmol), and then subjected to the normal workup of procedure 5. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (7:3 Hexanes:EtOAc) to give 195 mg (75% yield) of **S77** as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 6.58 (tq, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.78 (m, 5H), 1.49 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) δ 196.98, 167.22, 138.89, 130.52, 113.63, 80.22, 41.36, 31.99, 28.07, 27.43, 22.13, 12.47; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 2977, 2933, 2259, 1731, 1699, 1457, 1368, 1291, 1159 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (MM) calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 252.1594, found 252.1588.

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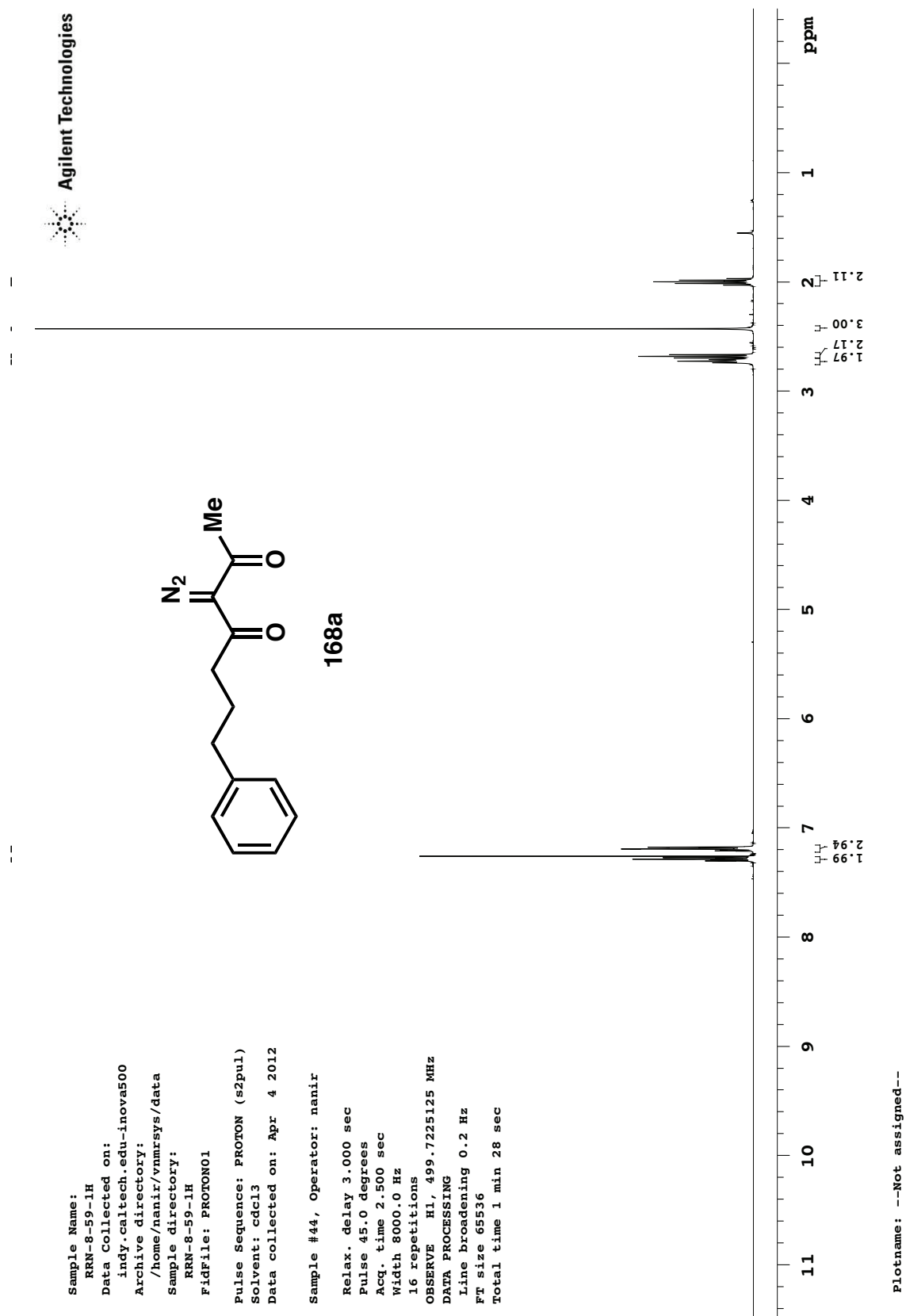
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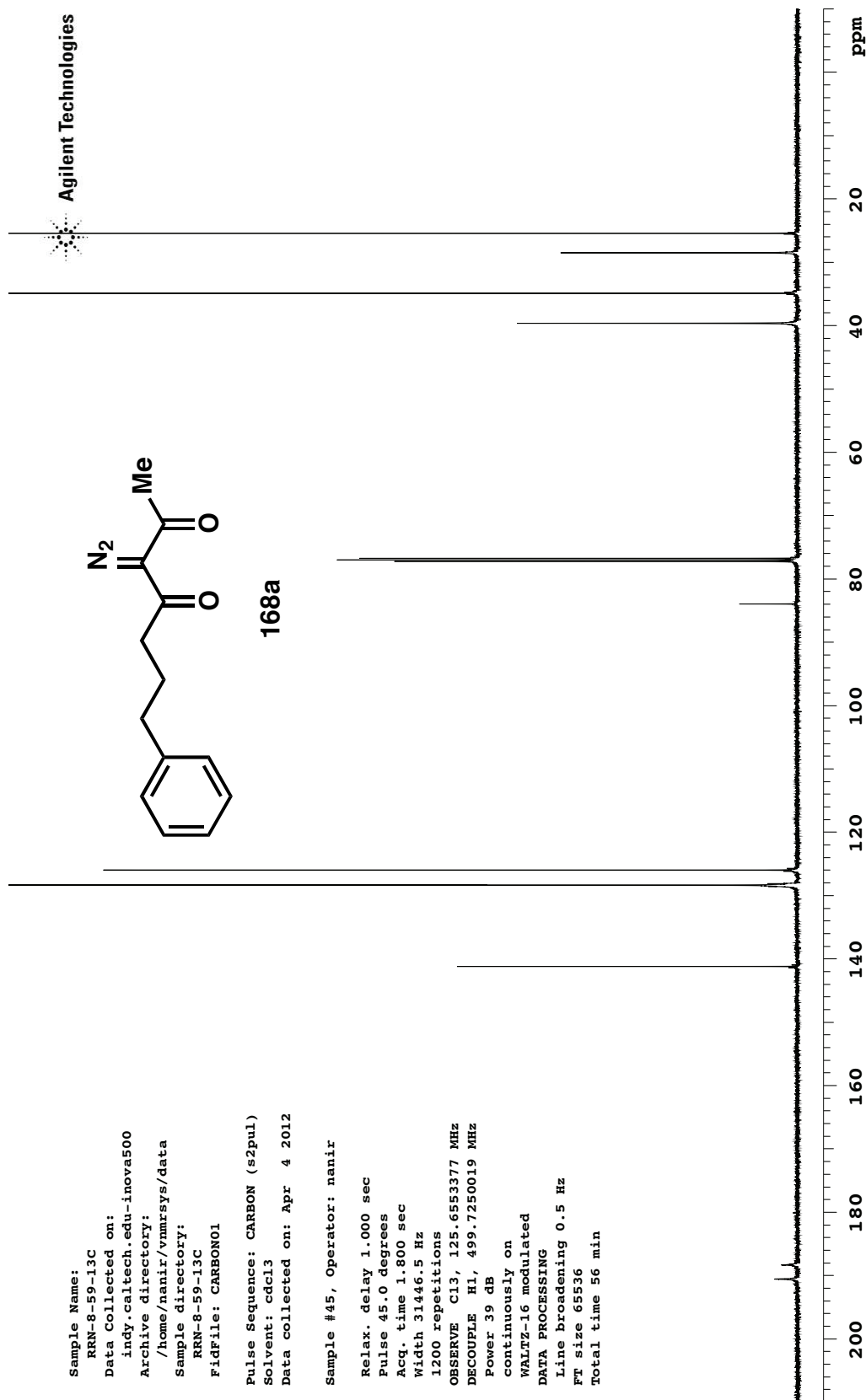
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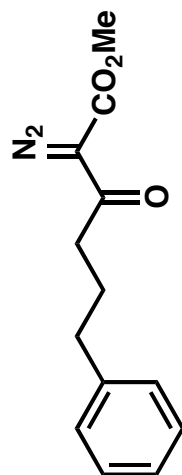
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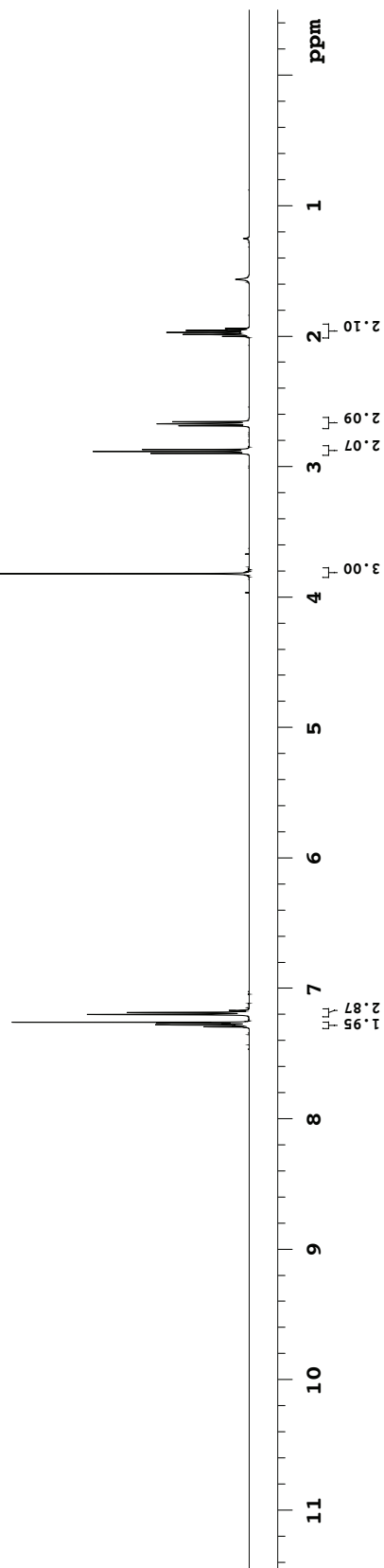


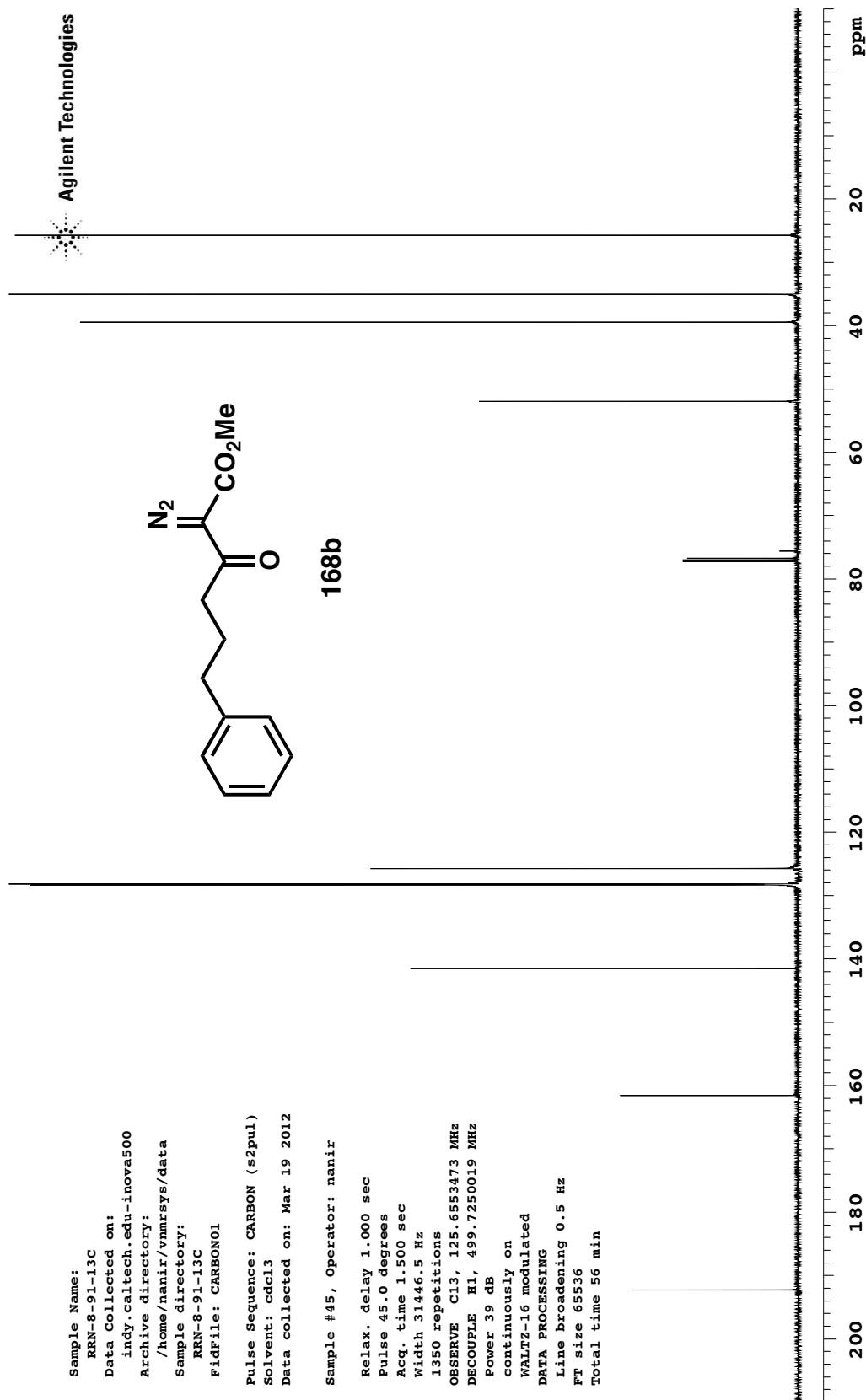


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Total time 1 min 12 sec



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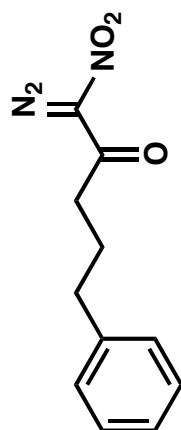




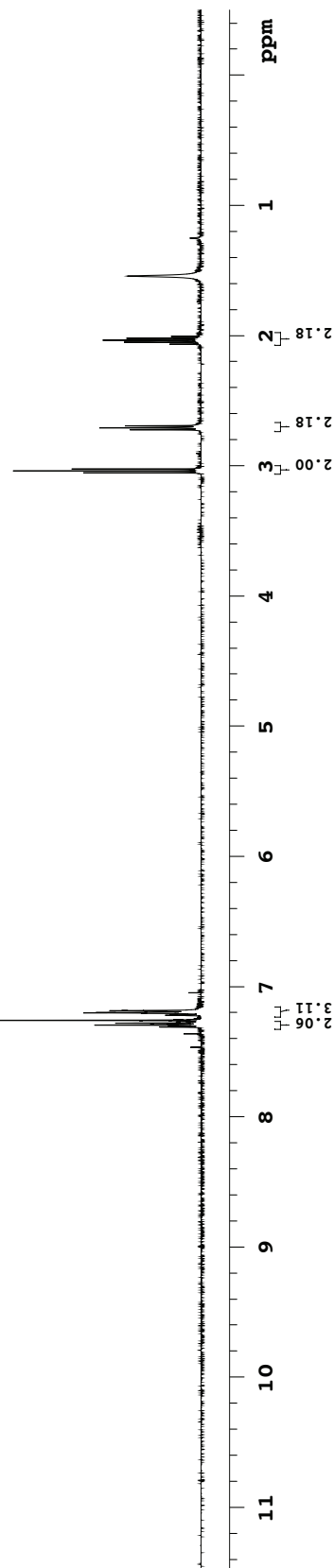
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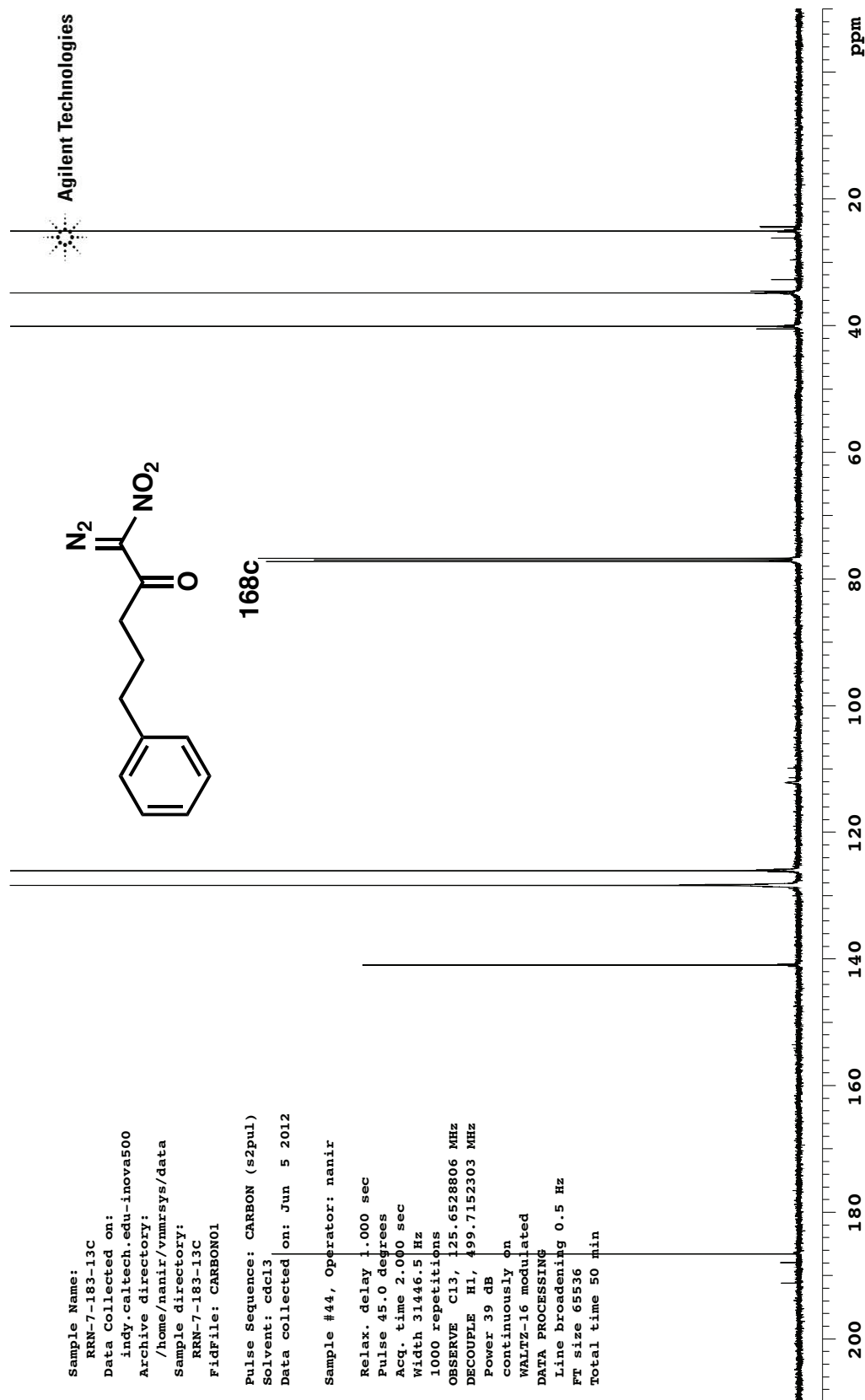
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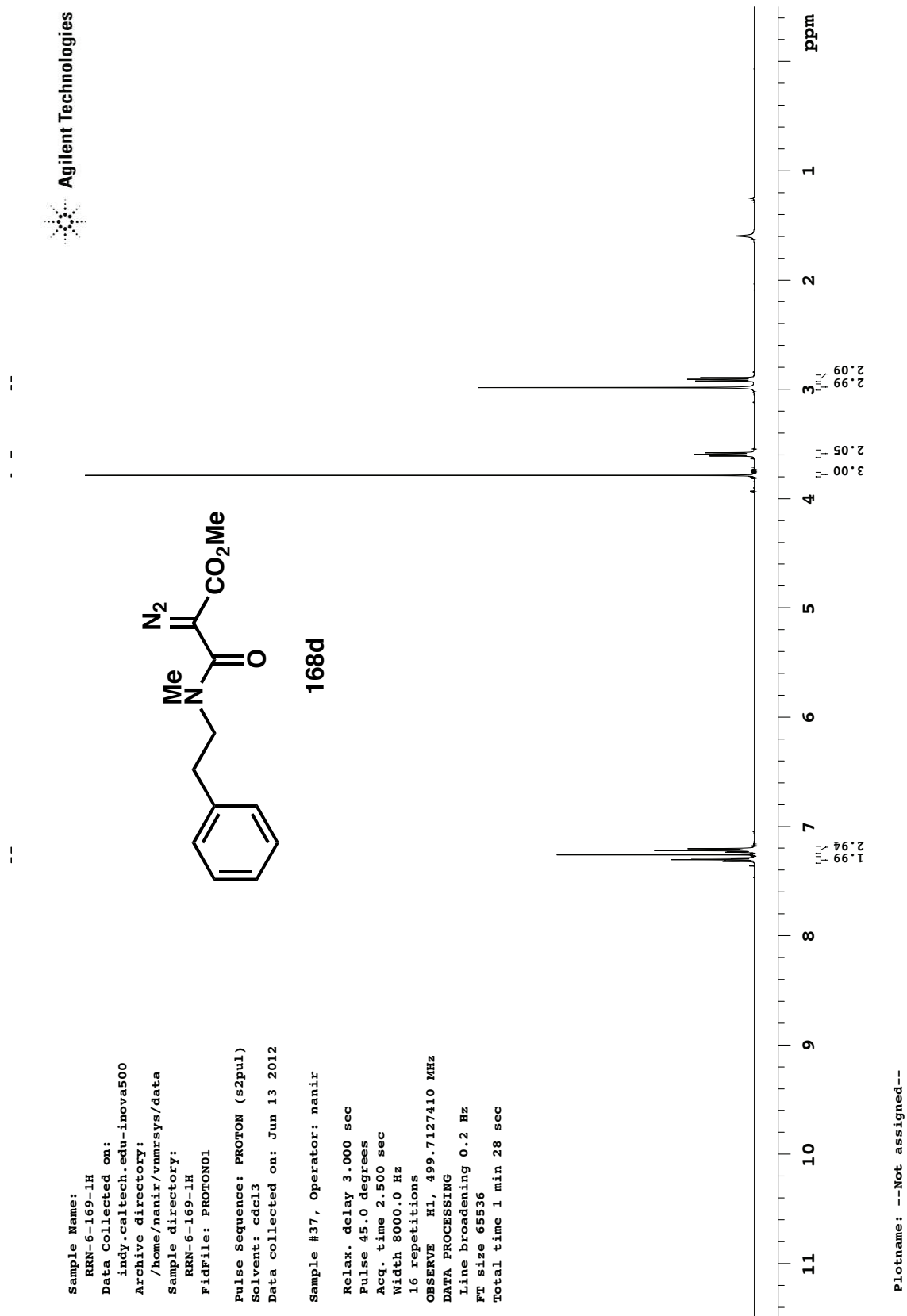
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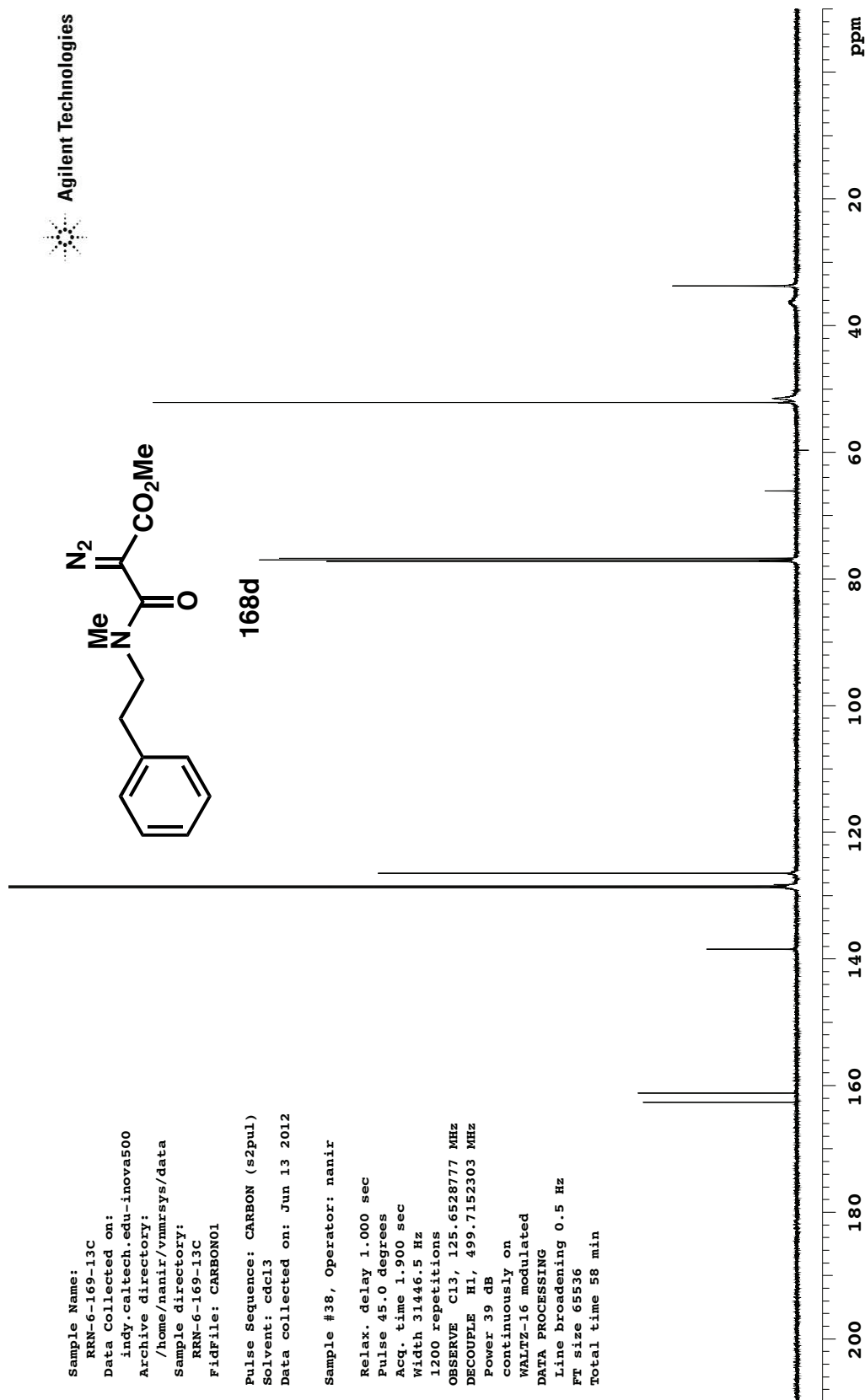


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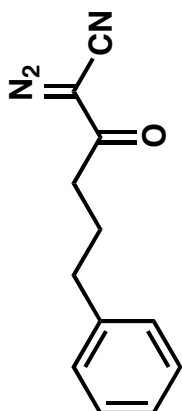




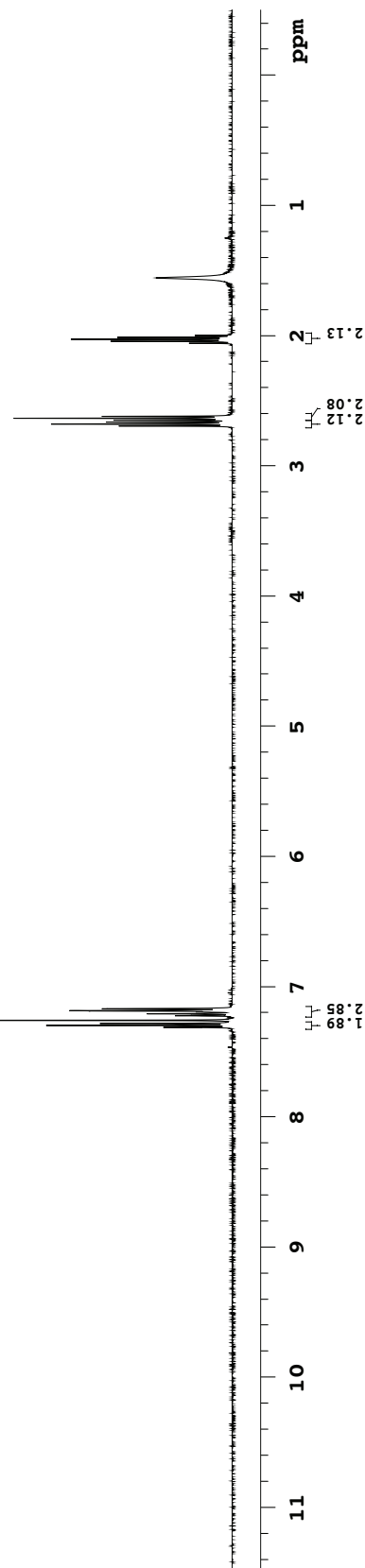
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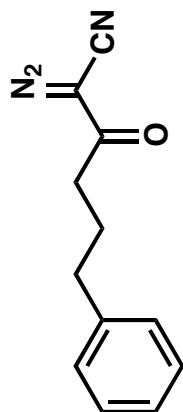
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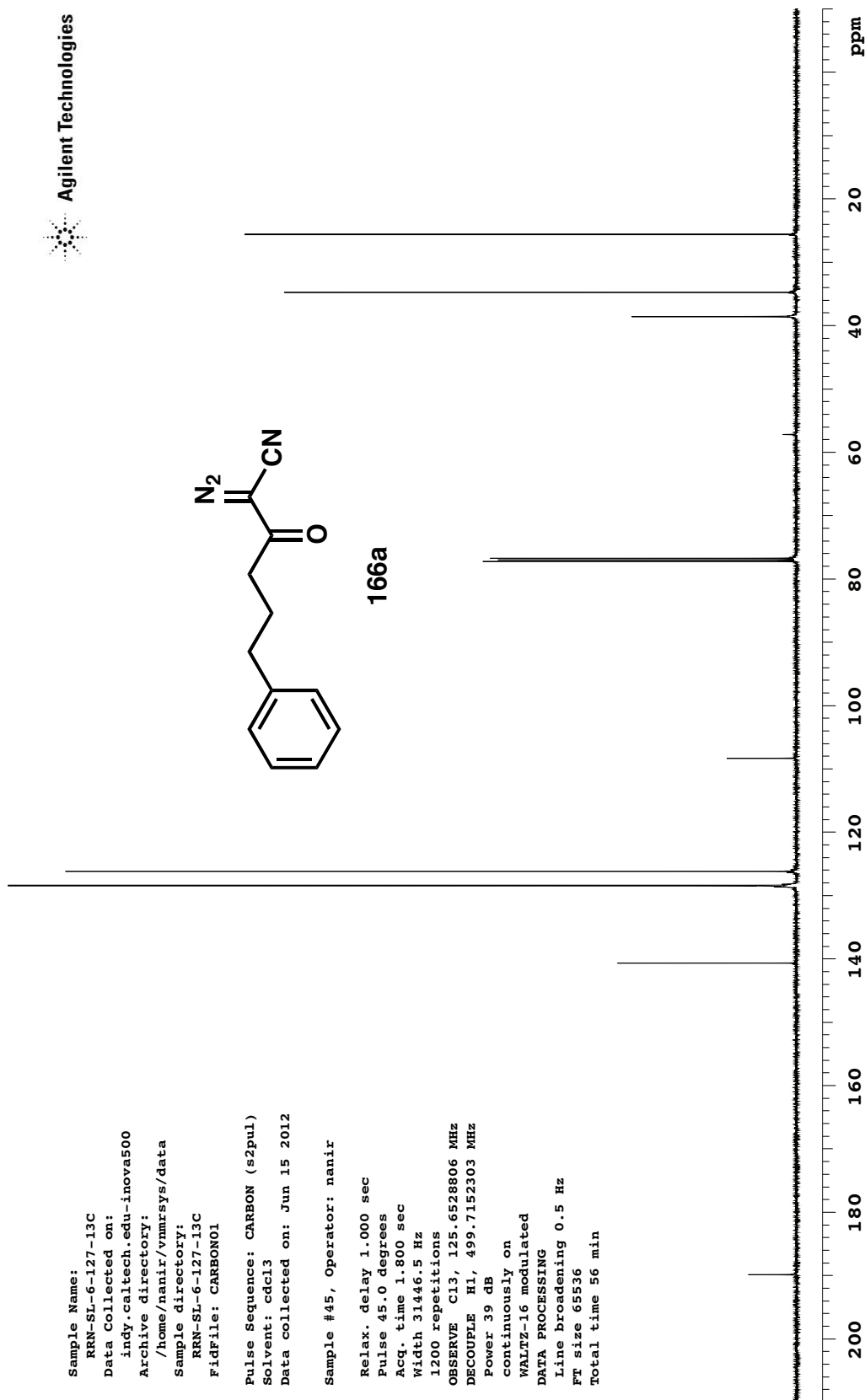
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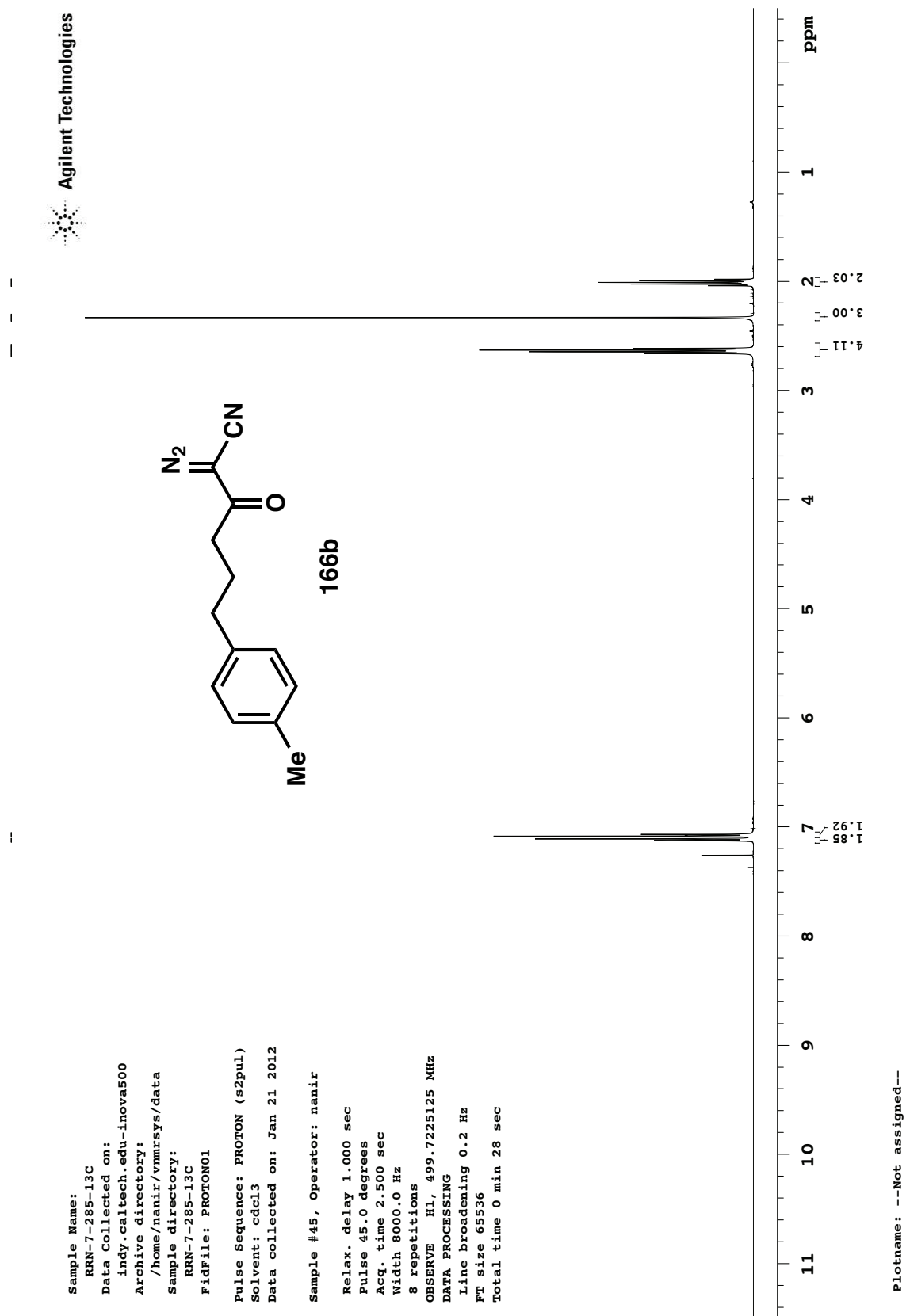
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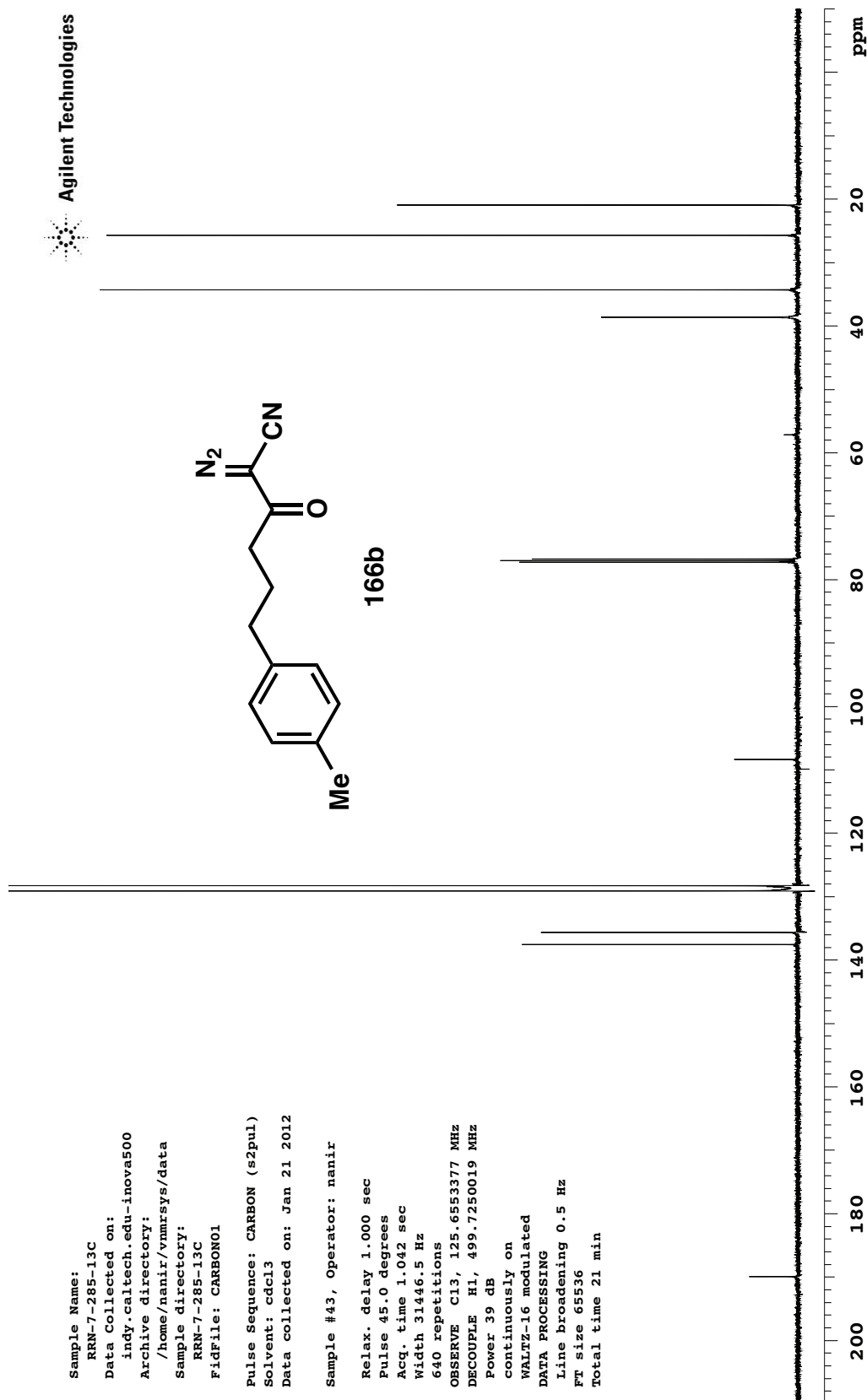


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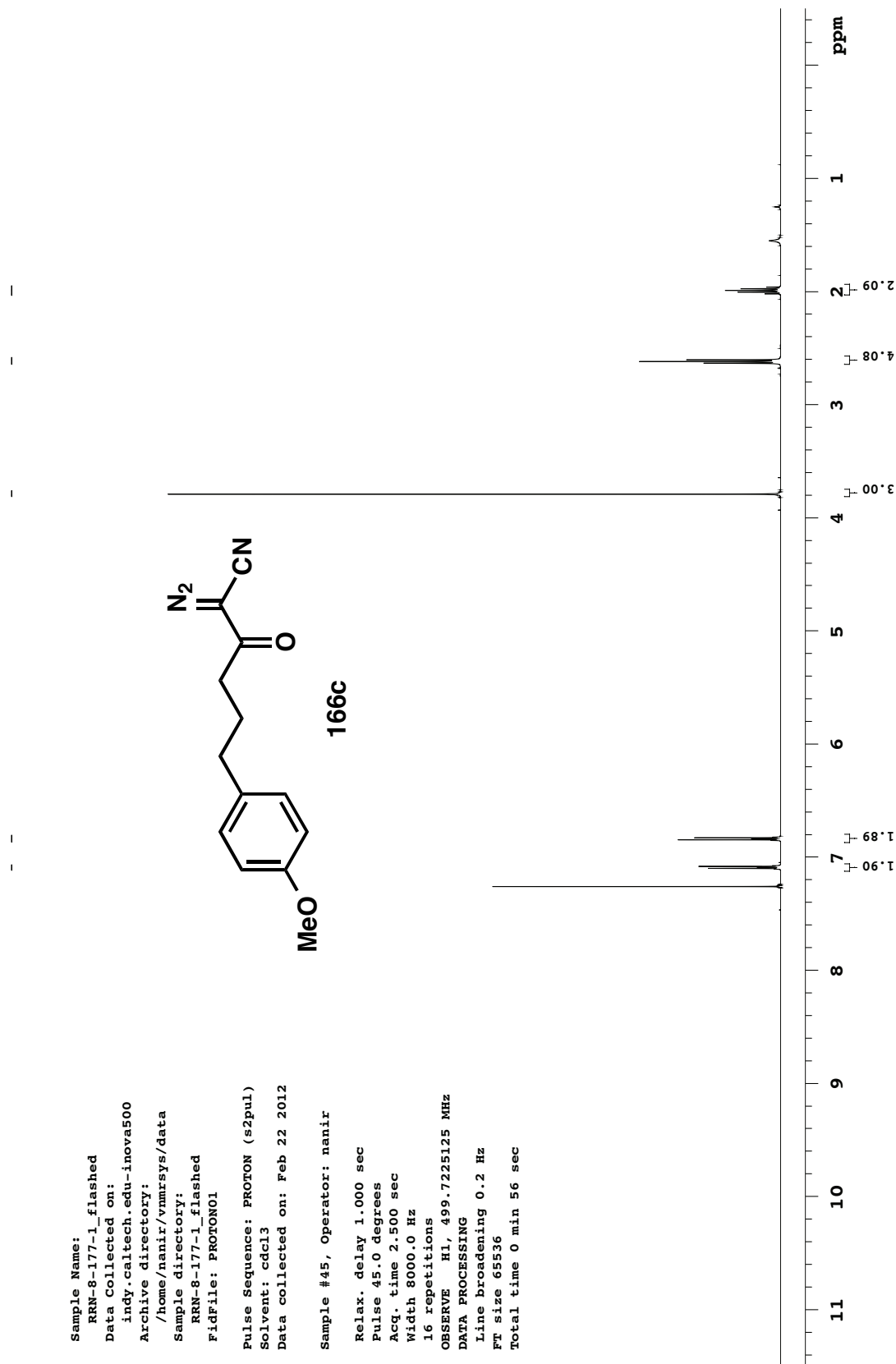


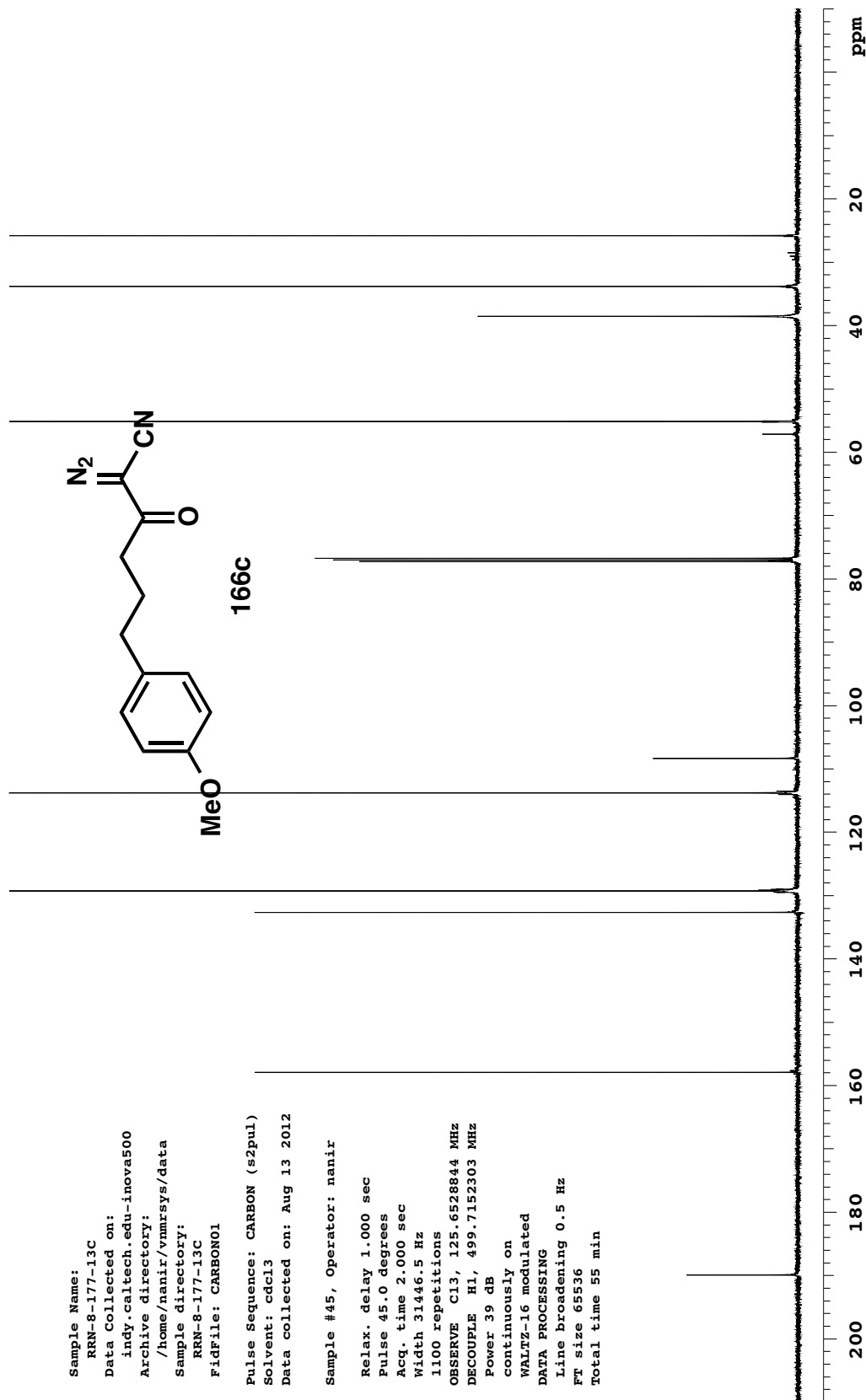
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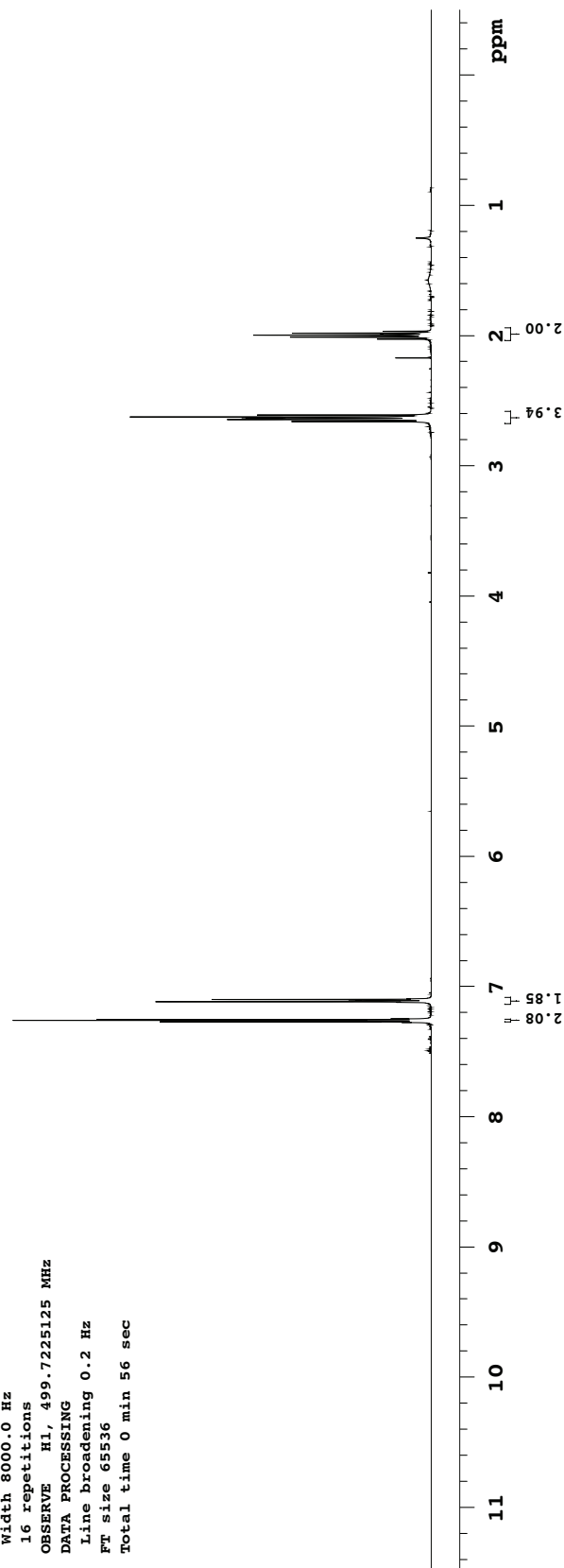
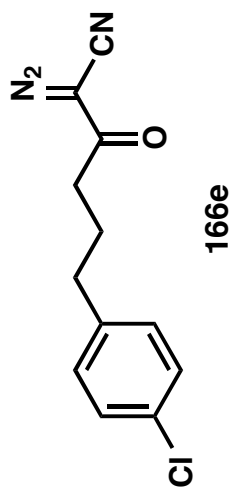


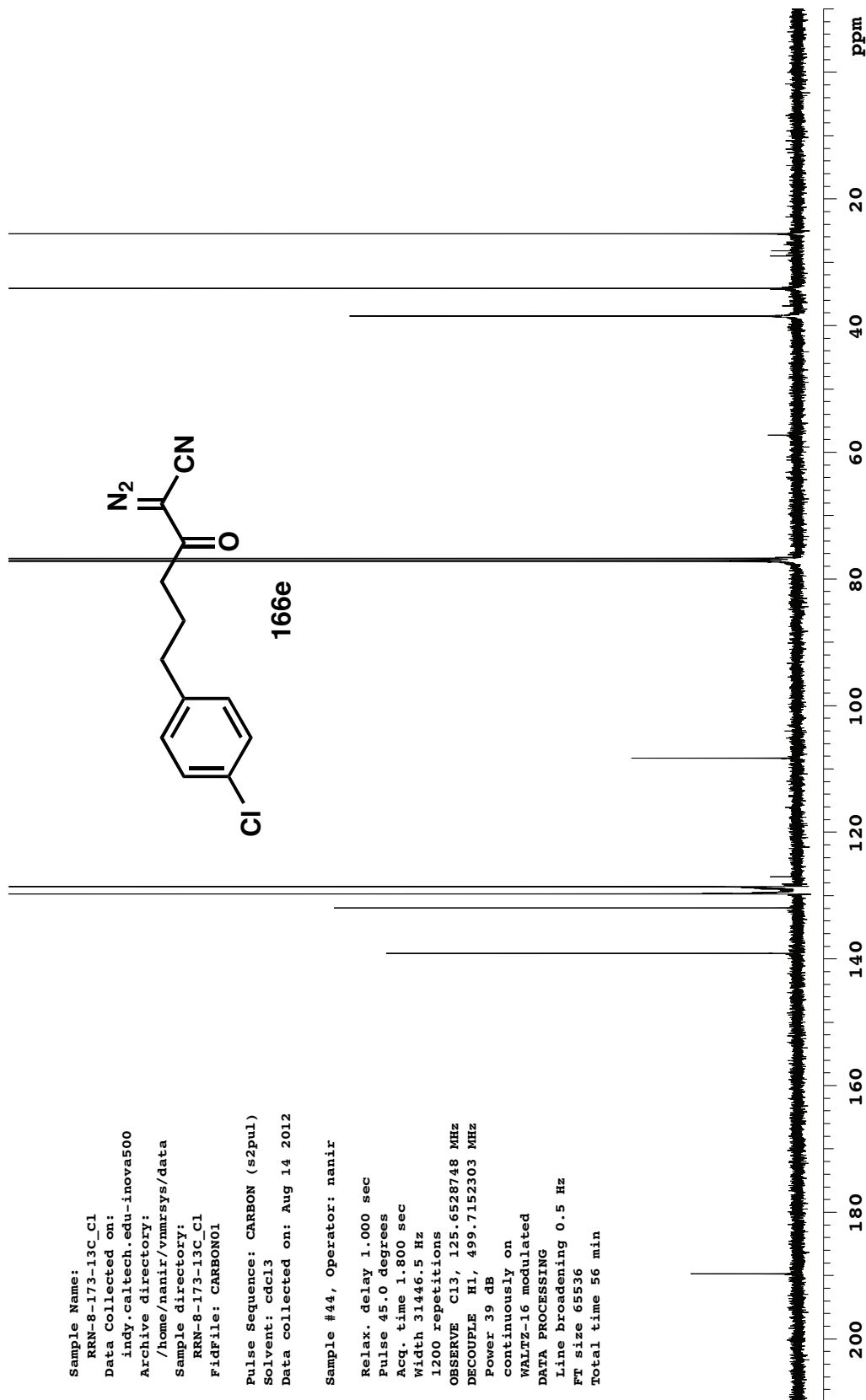




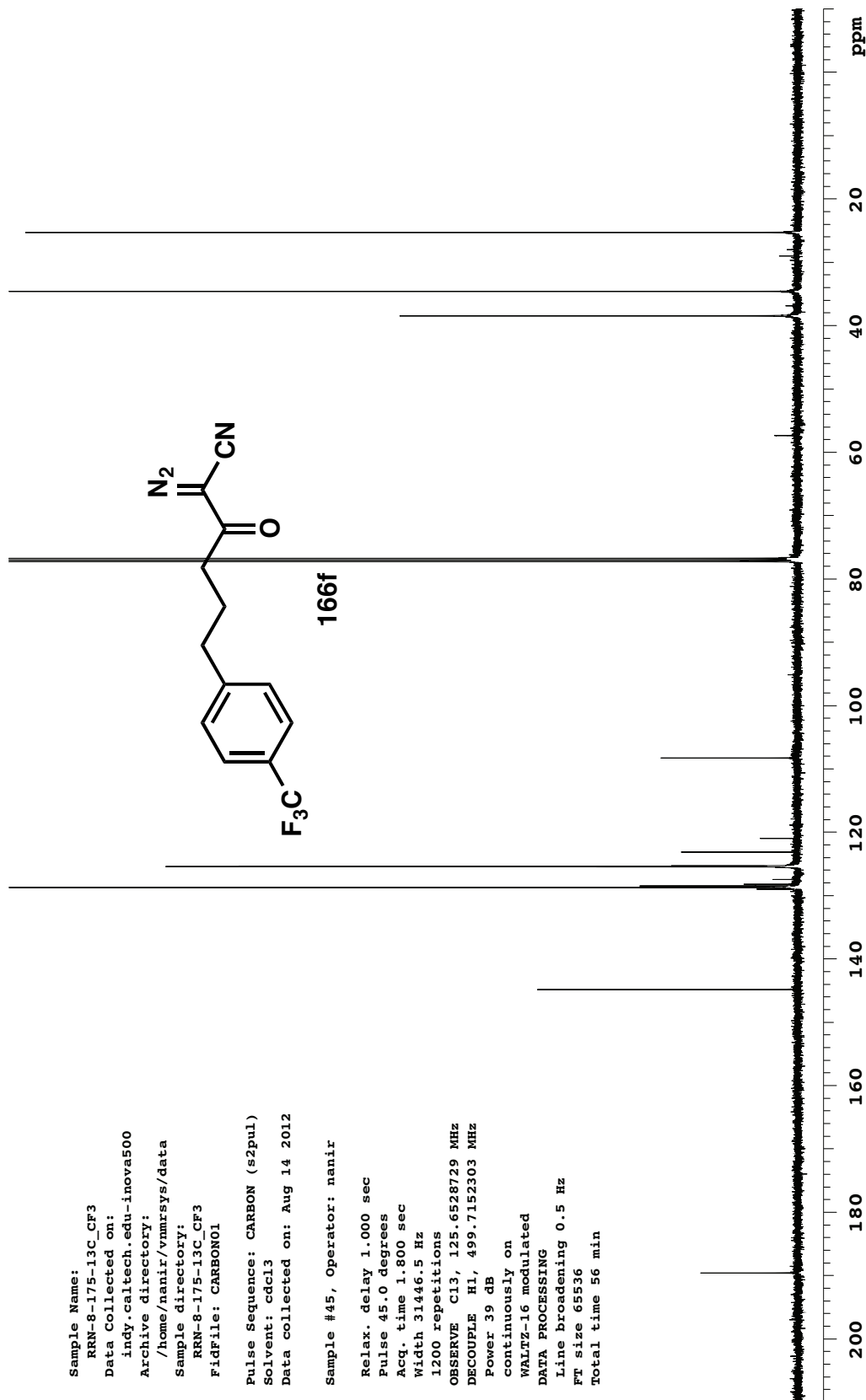


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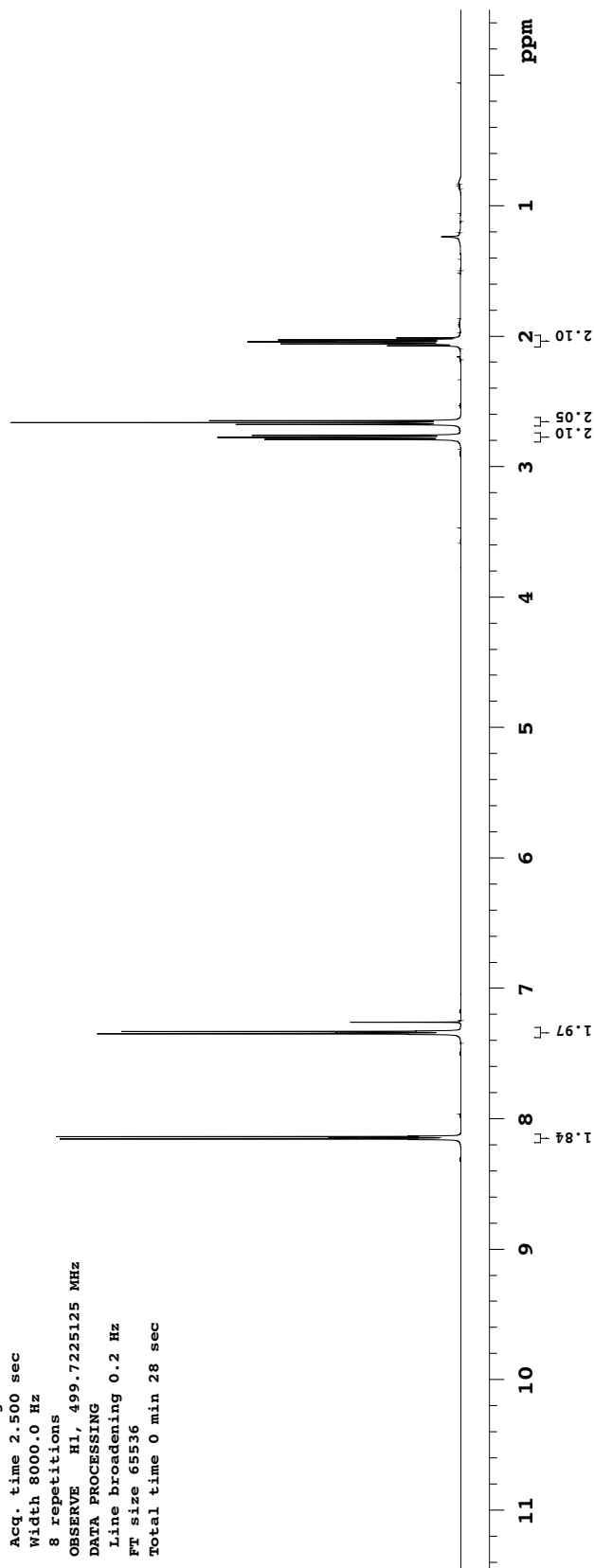
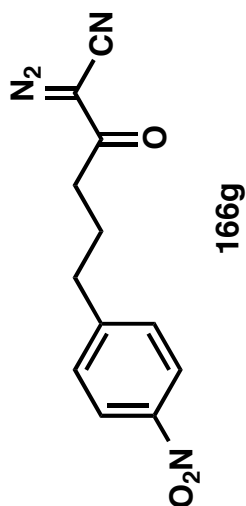




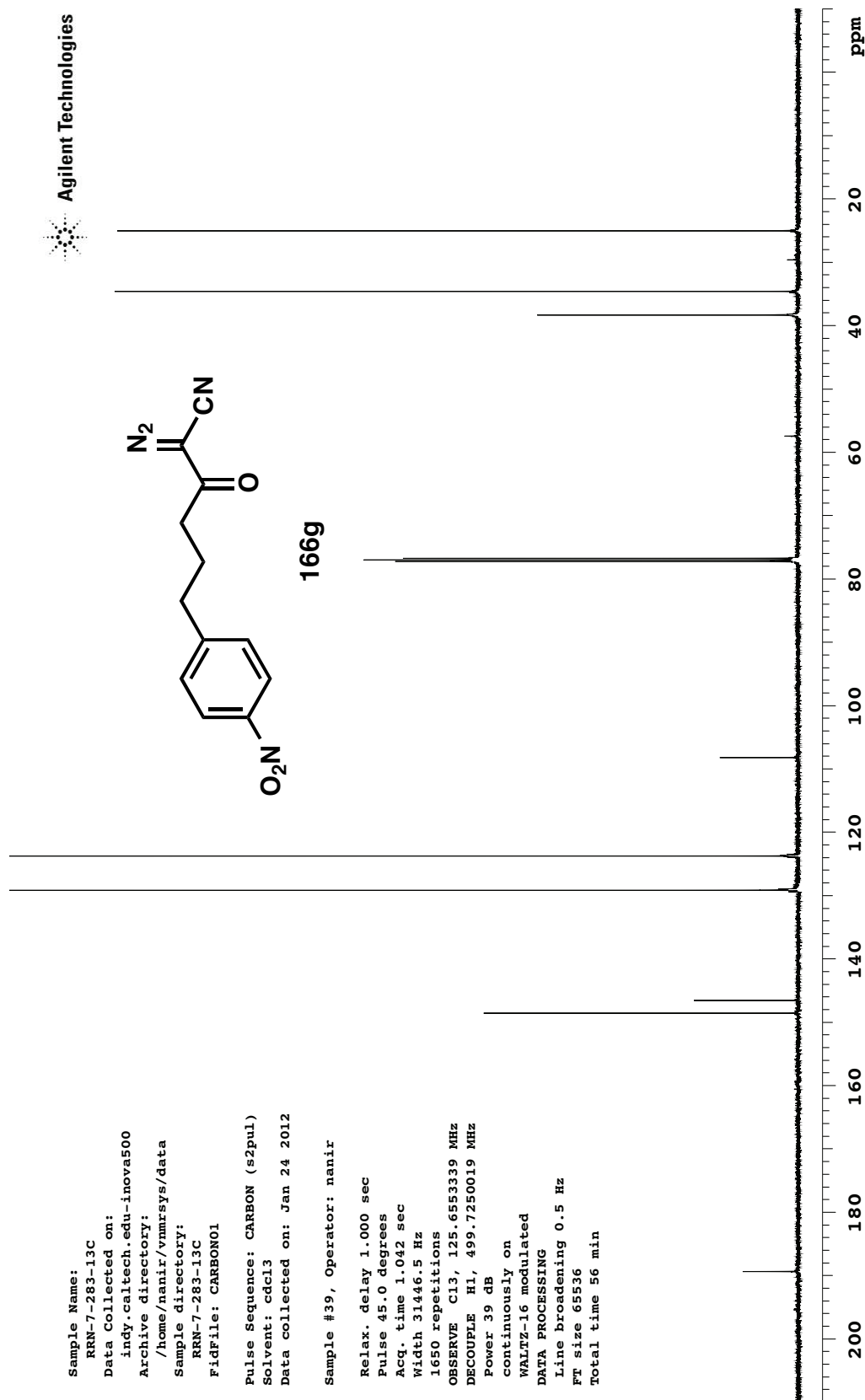


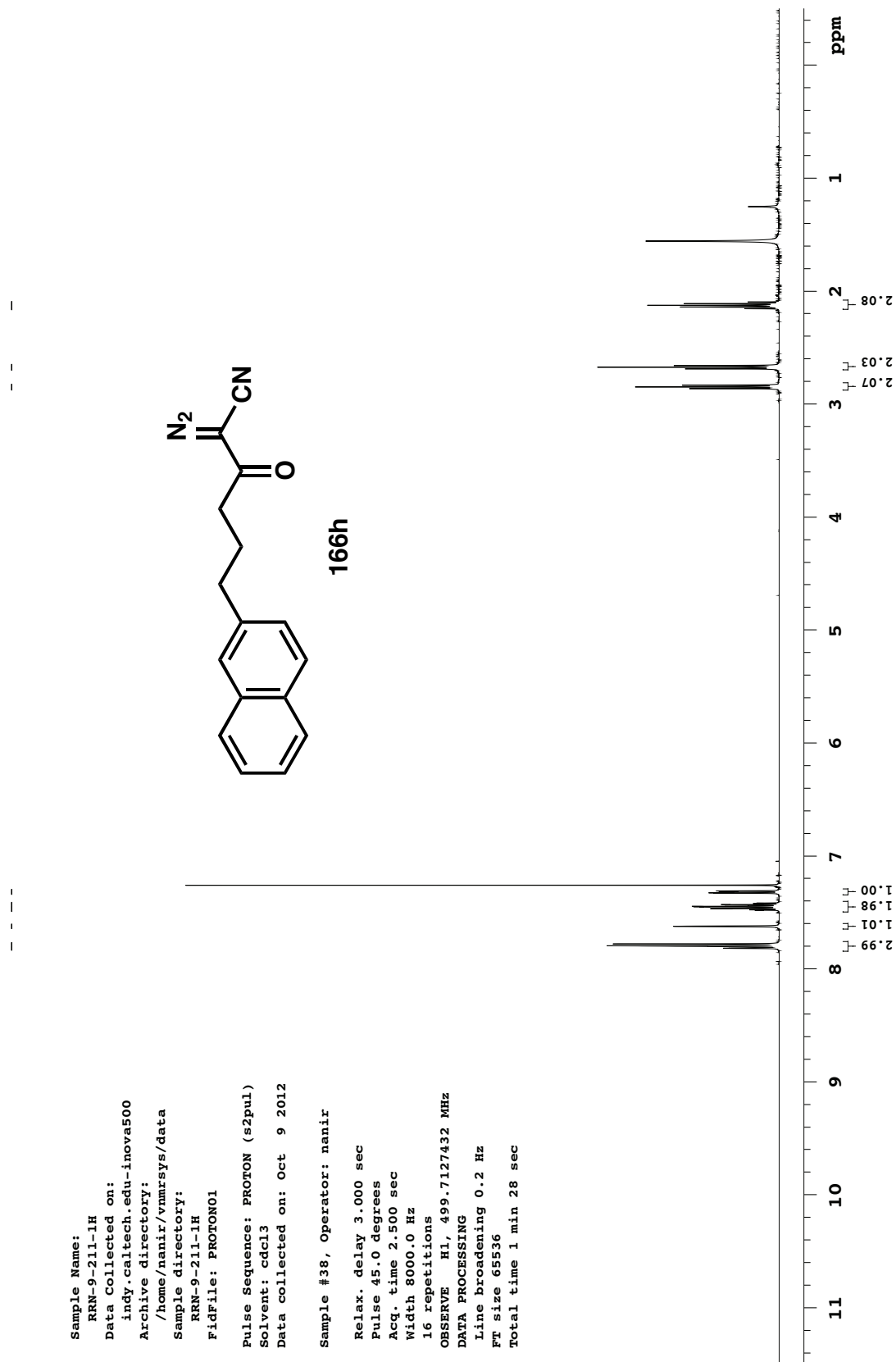


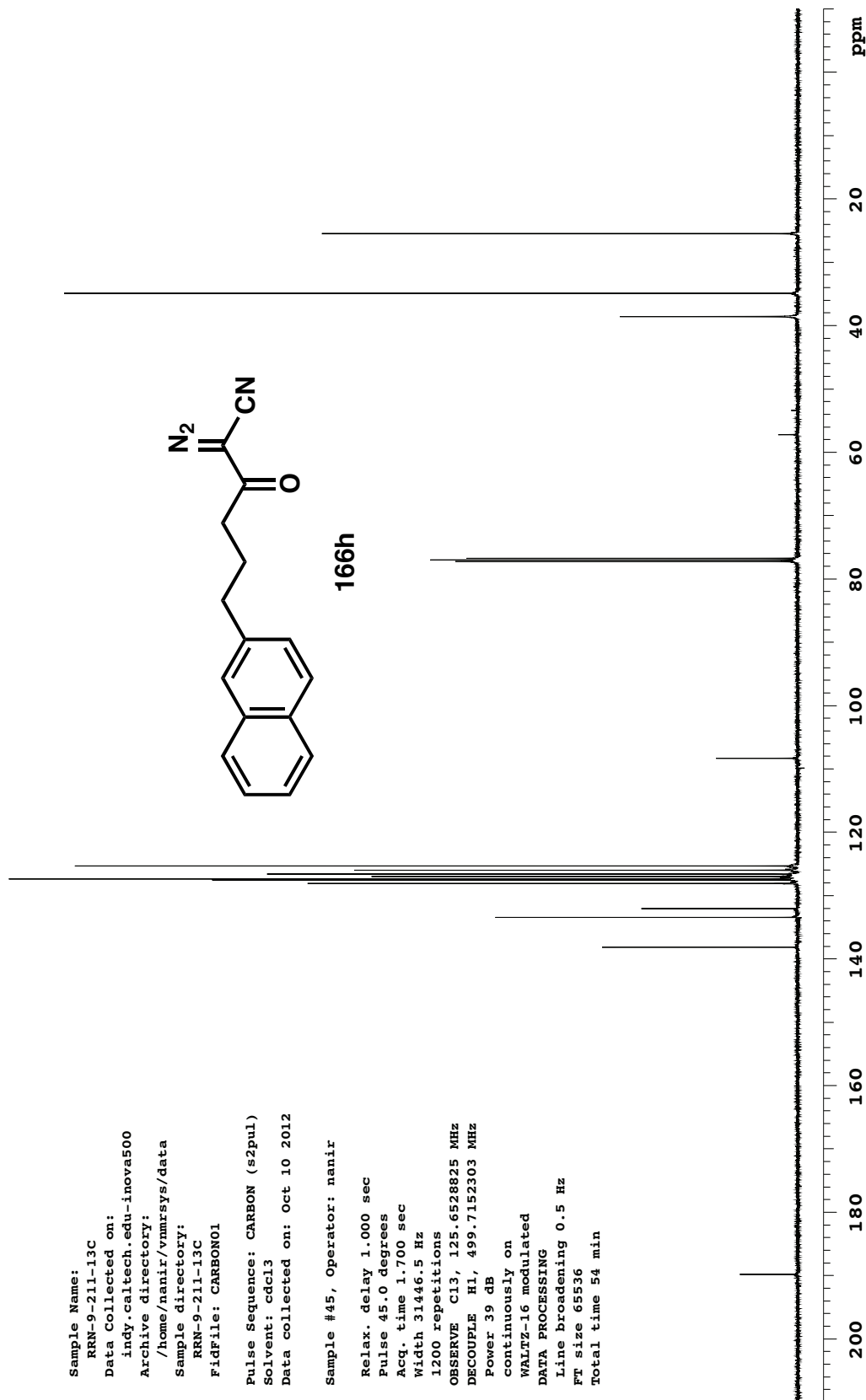
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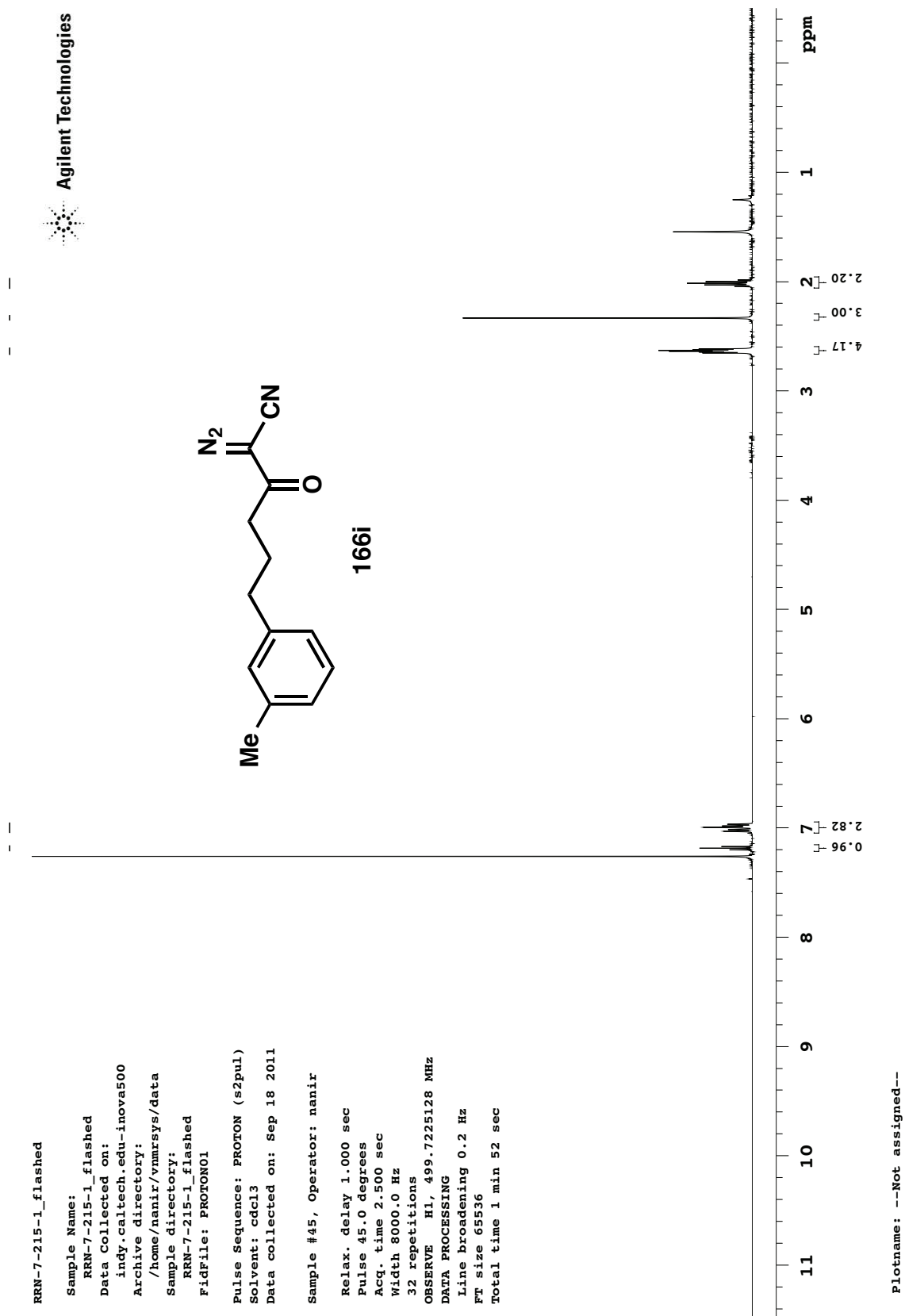


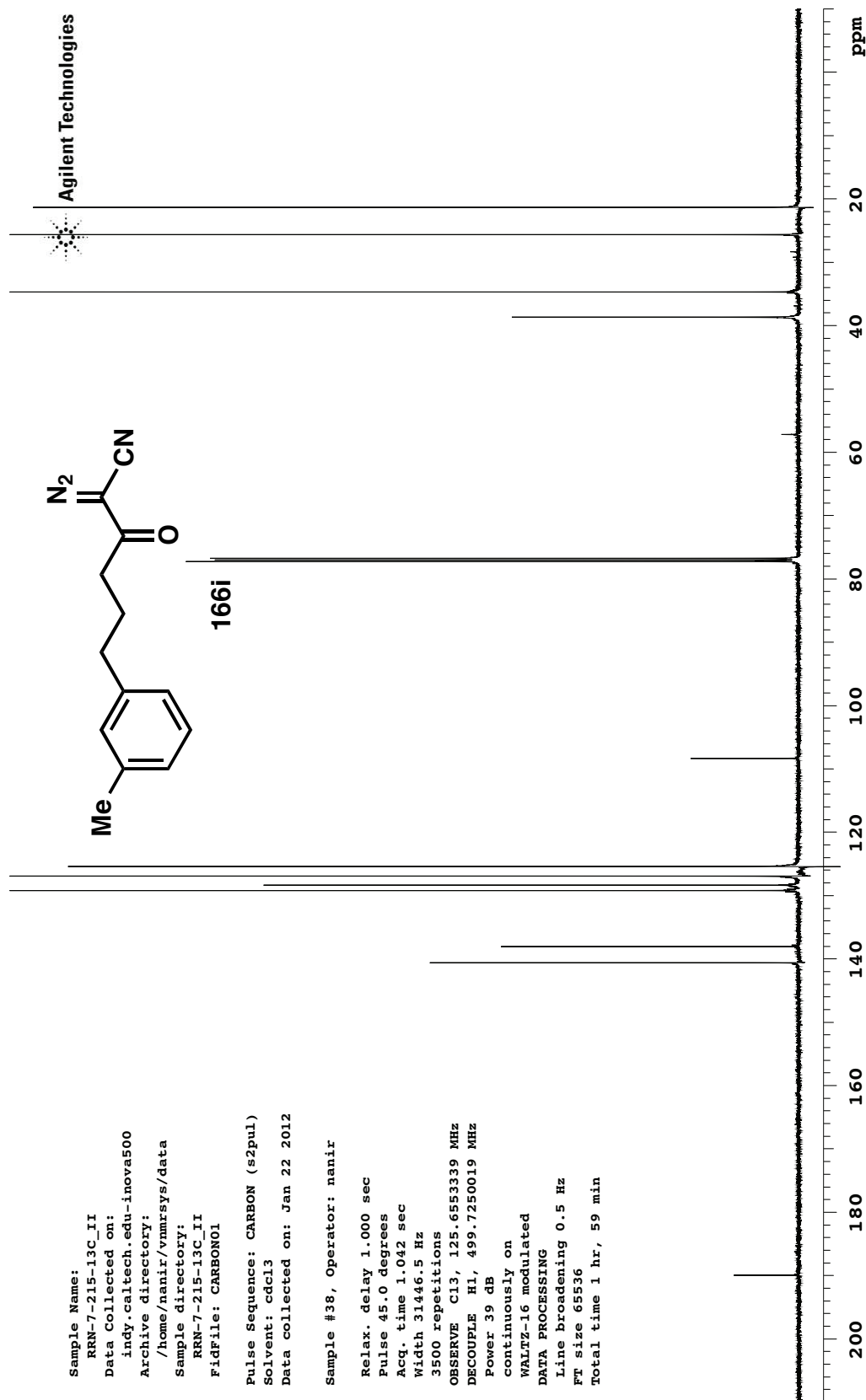
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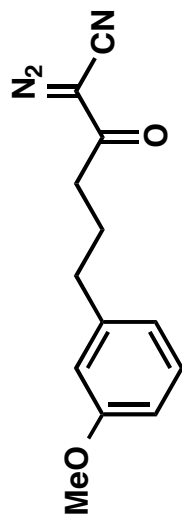
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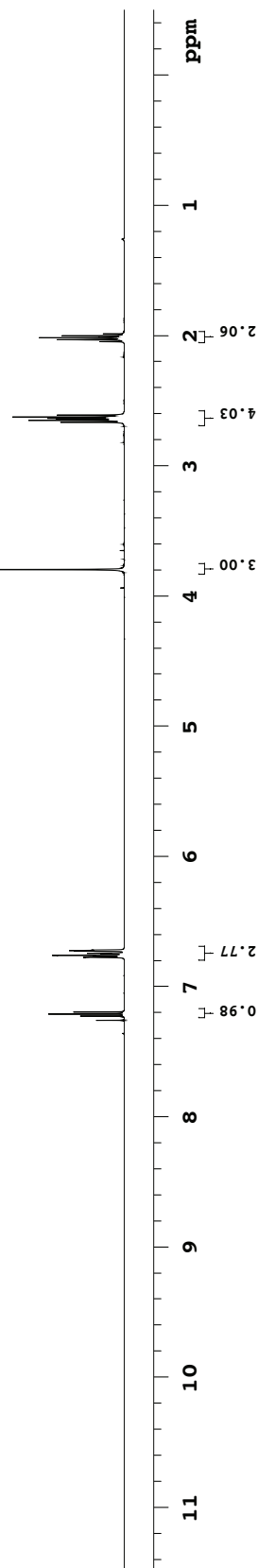
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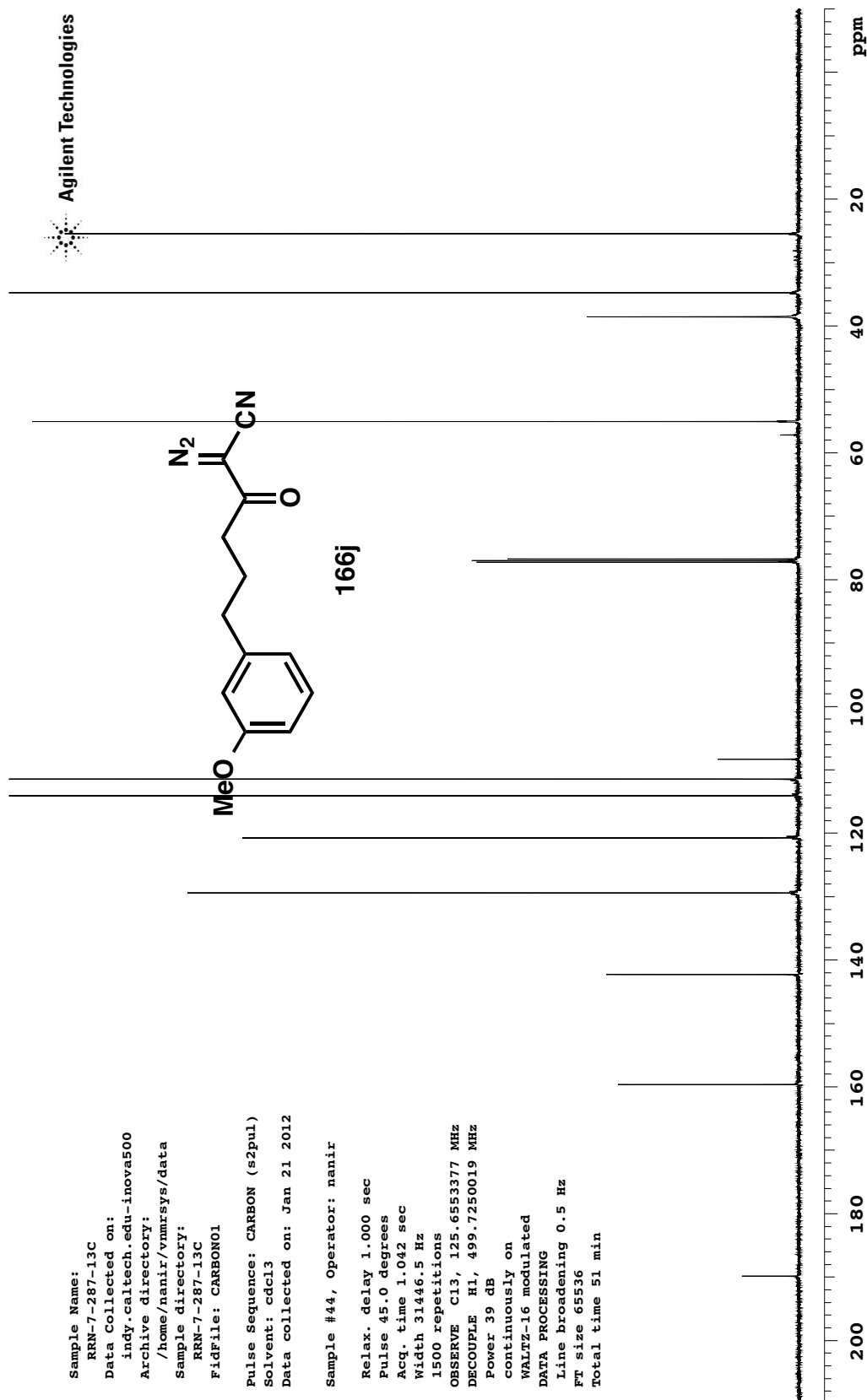
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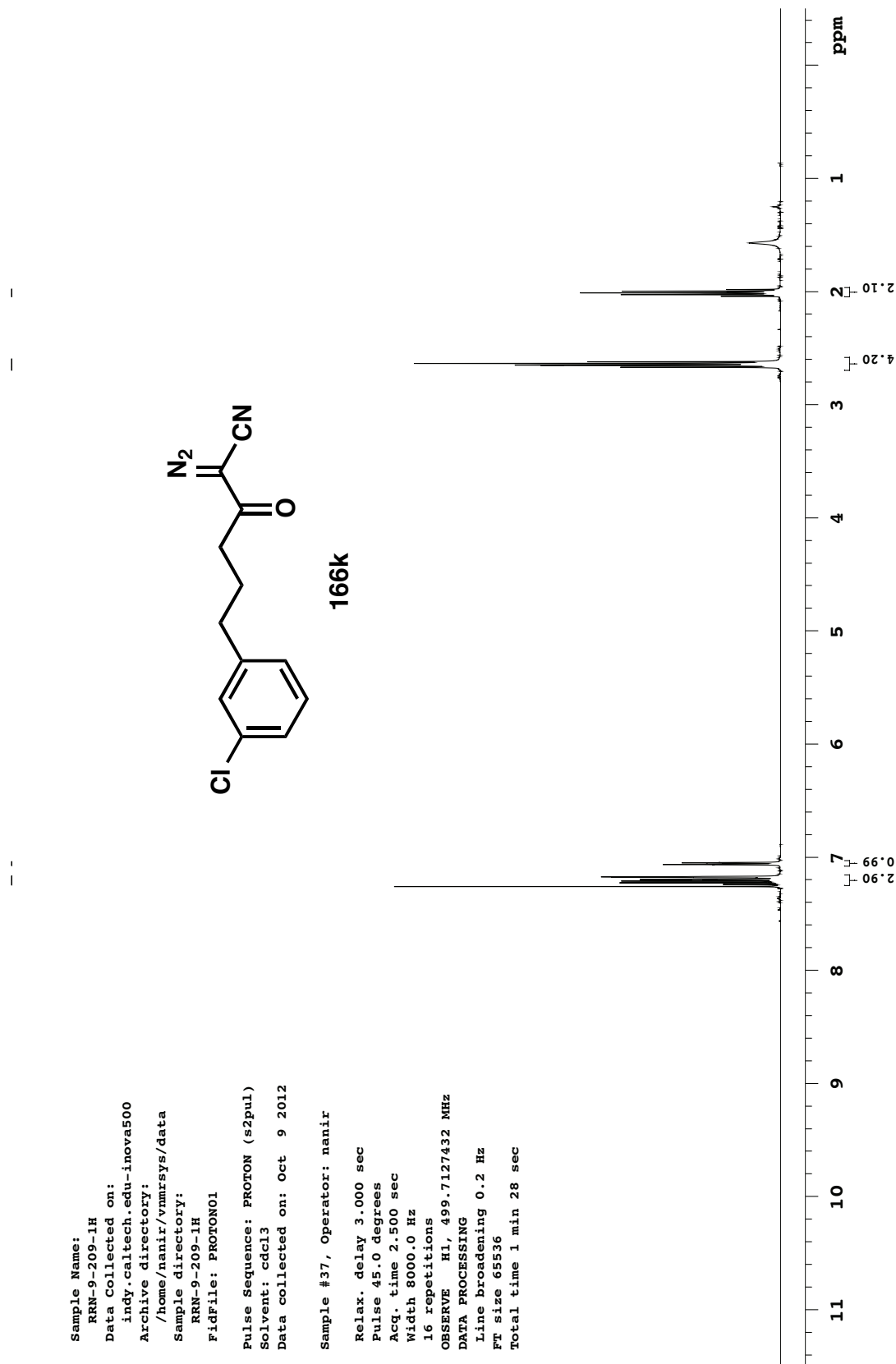
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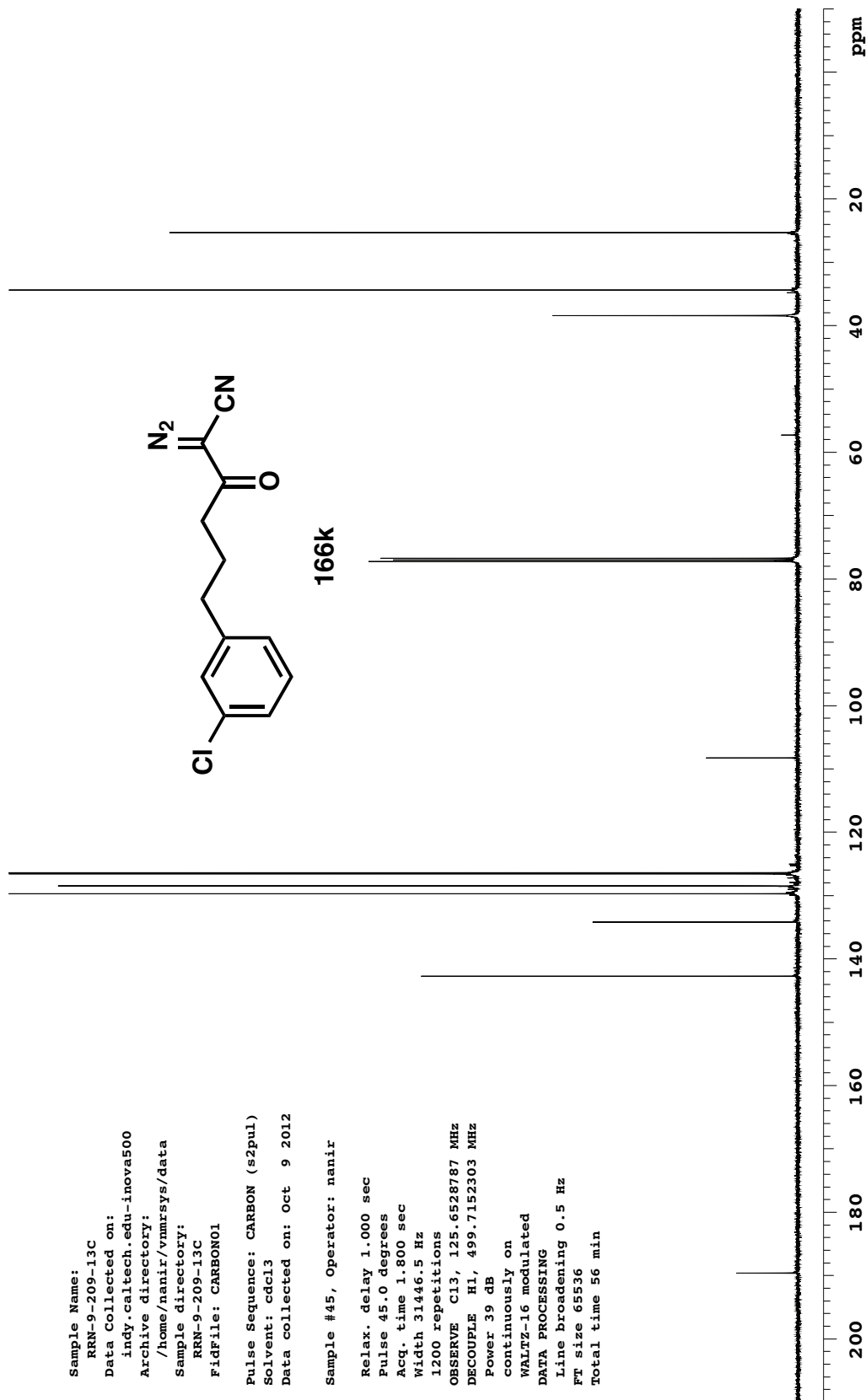


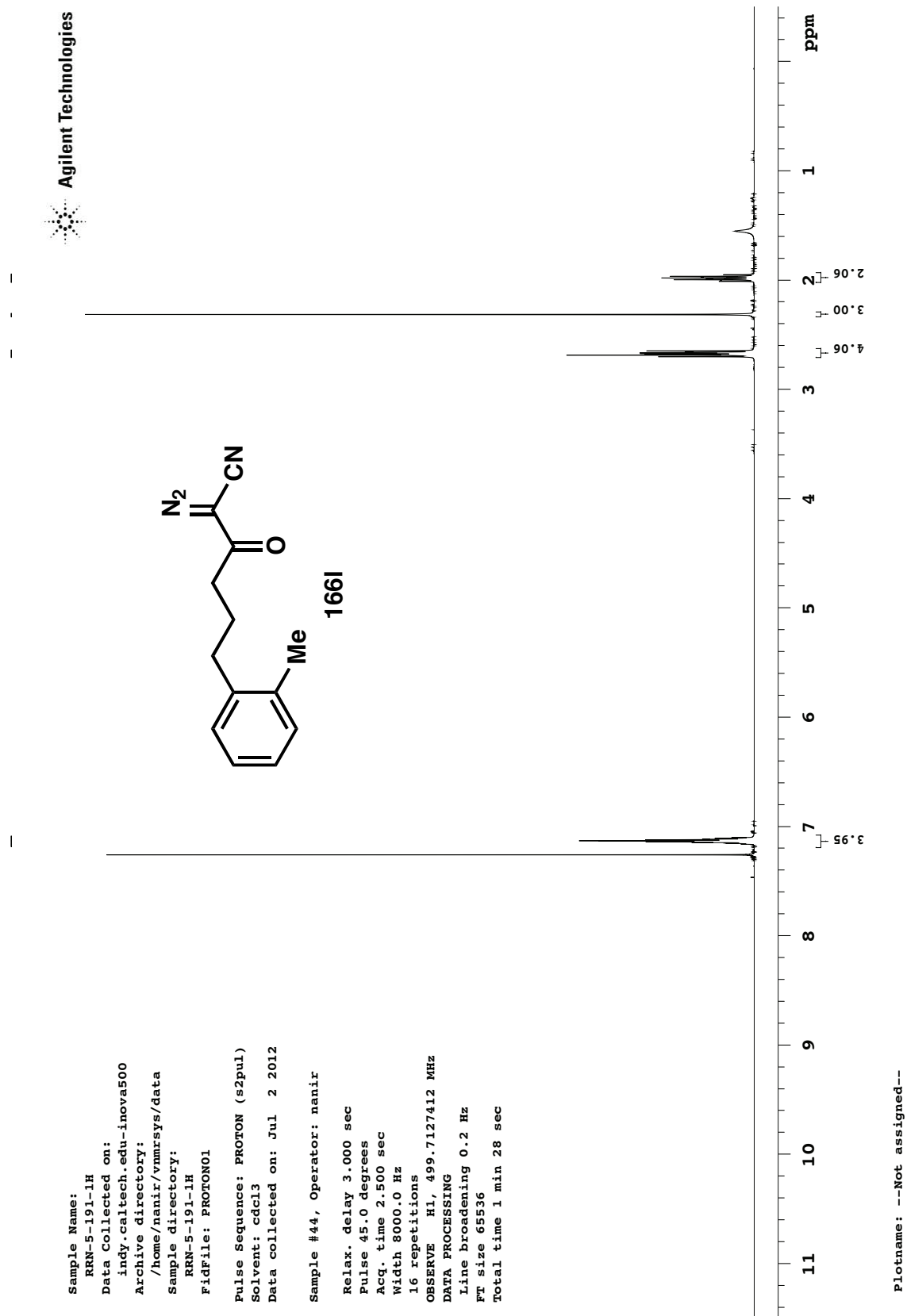
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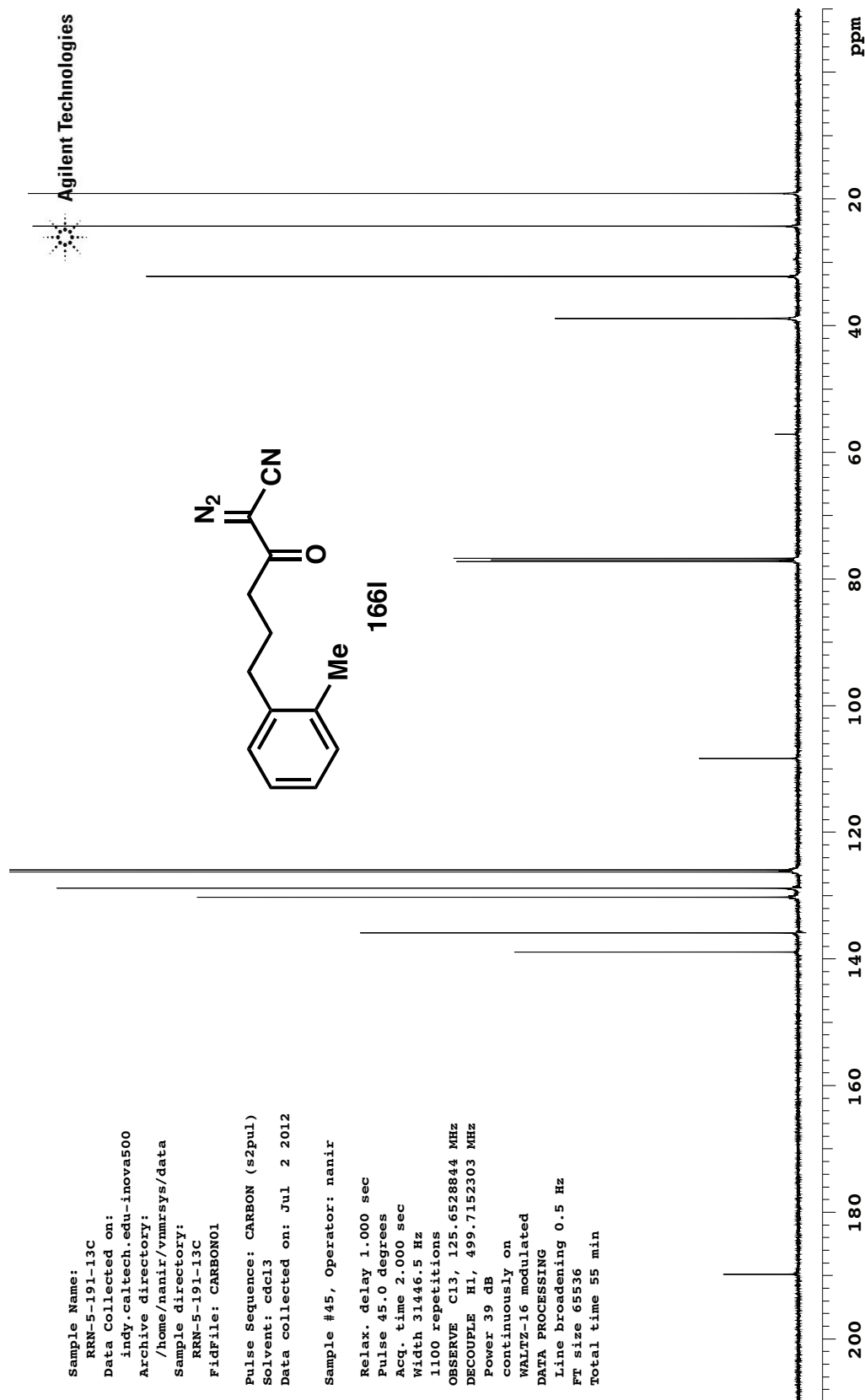


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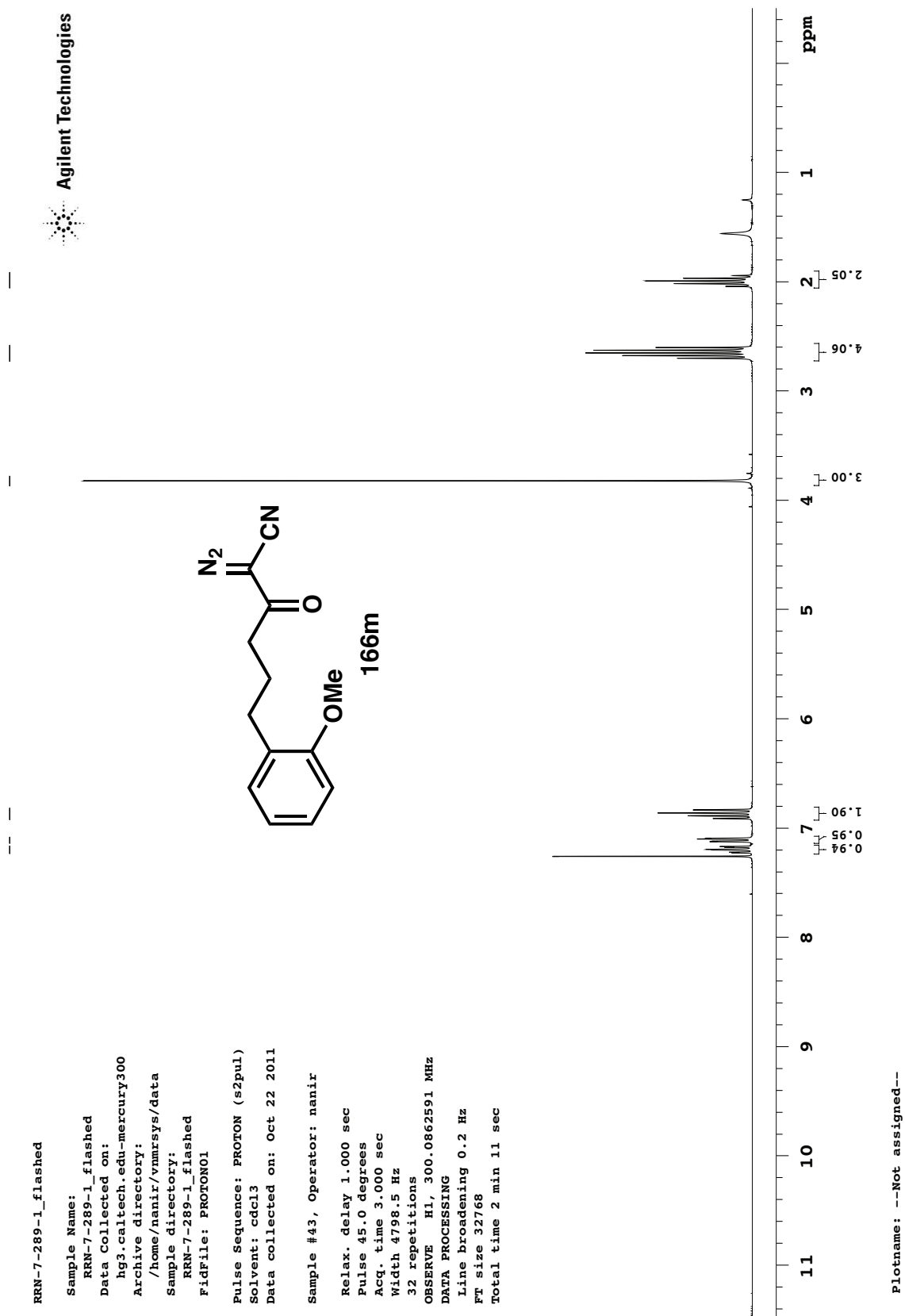


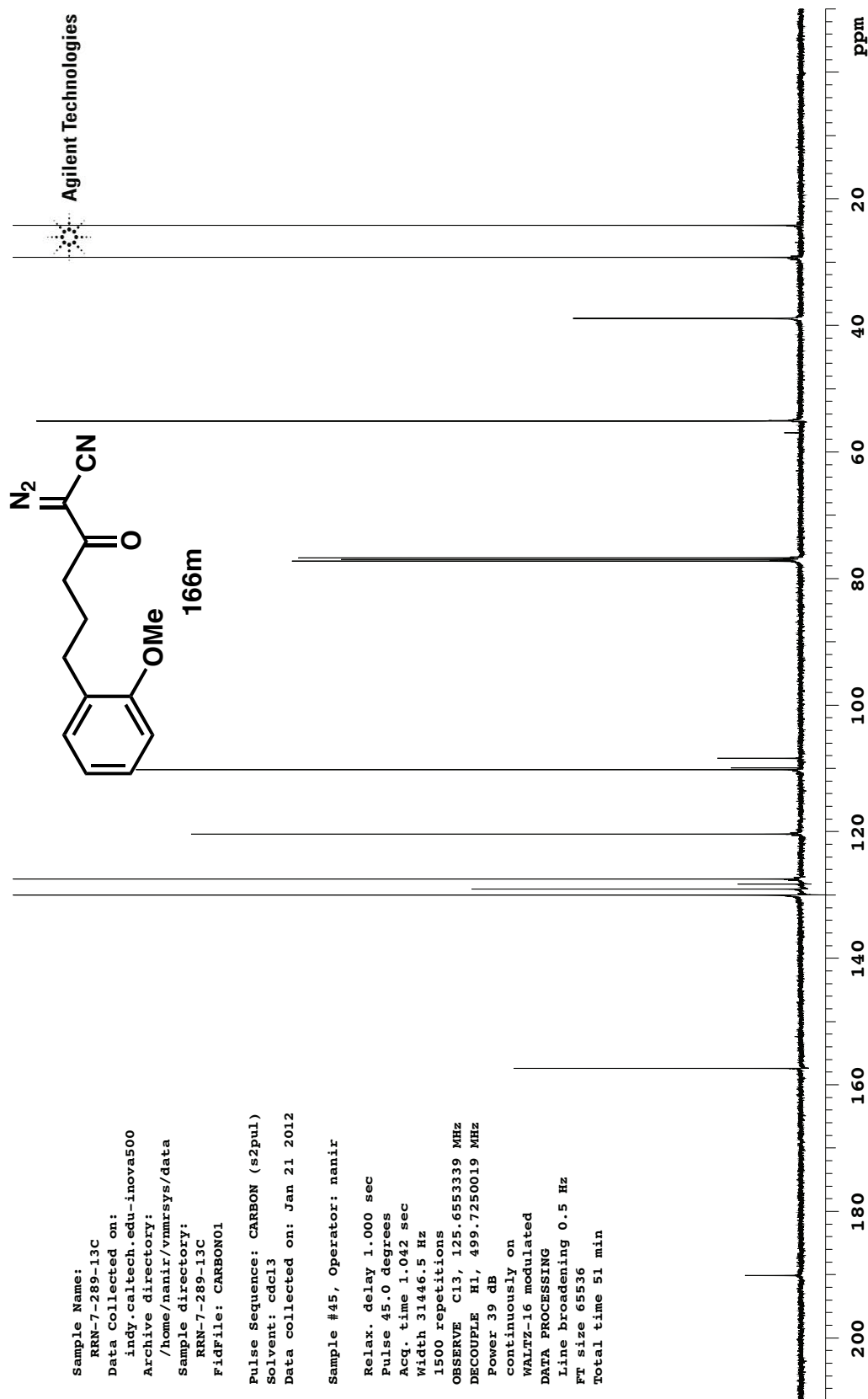




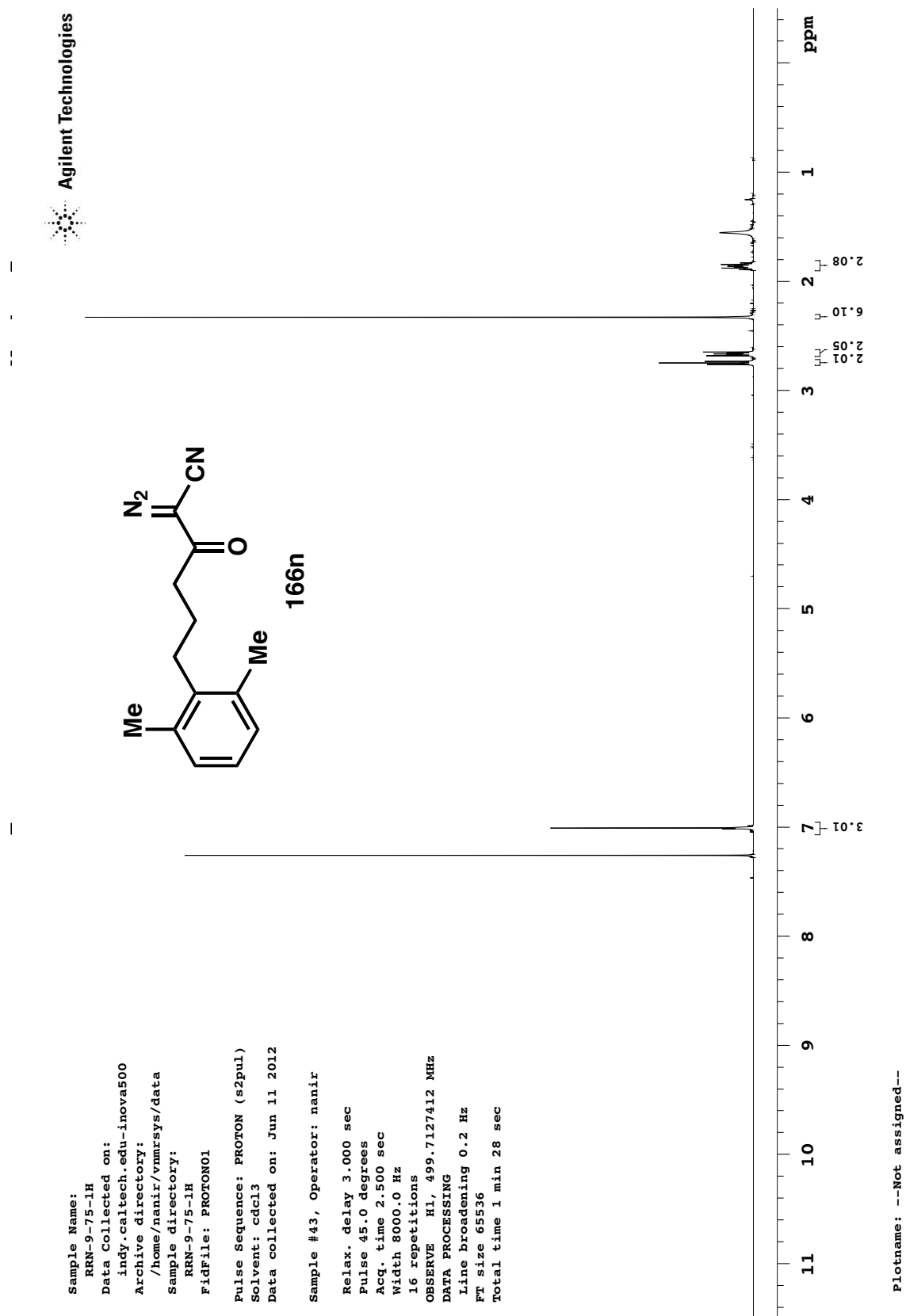


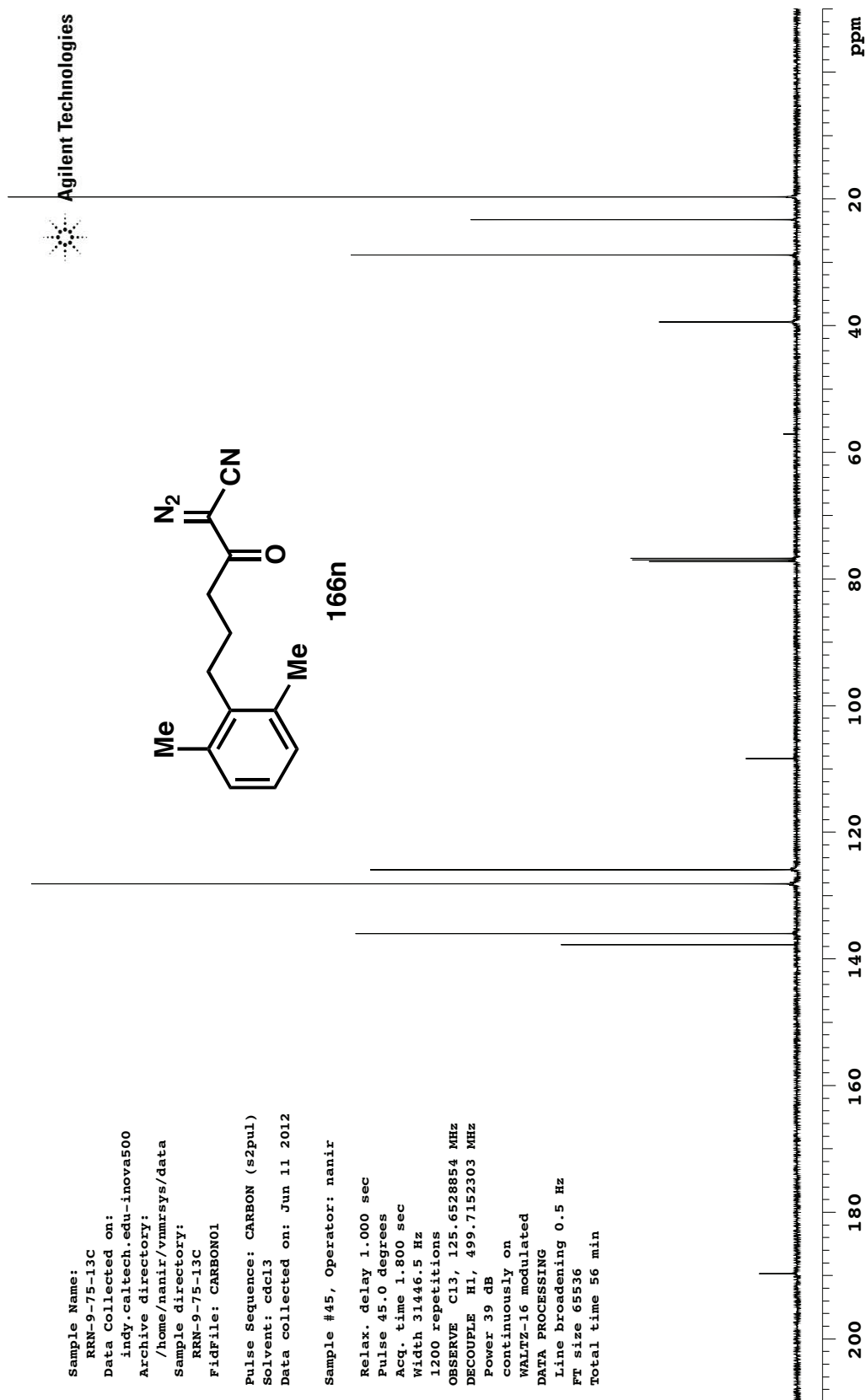
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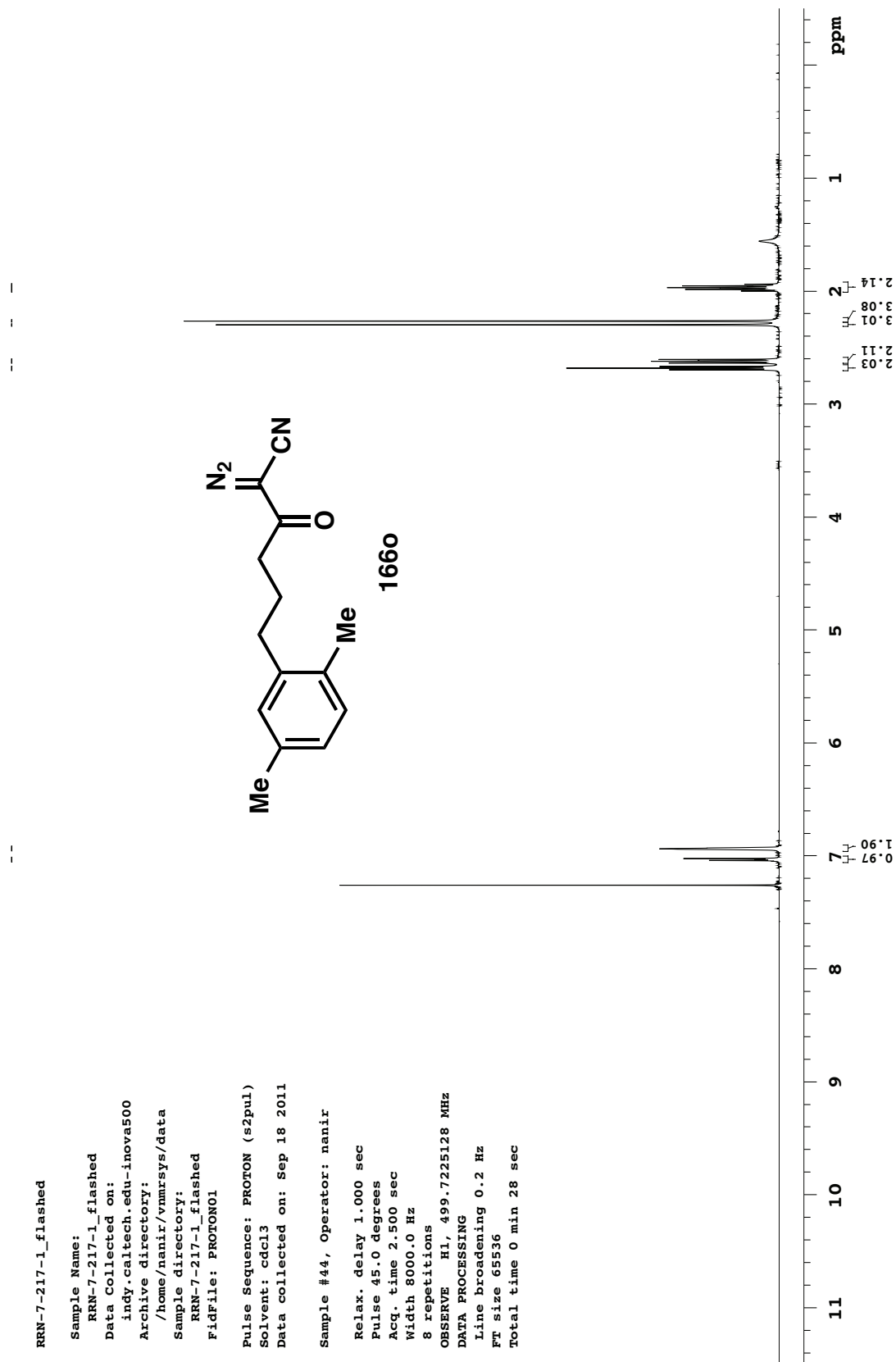


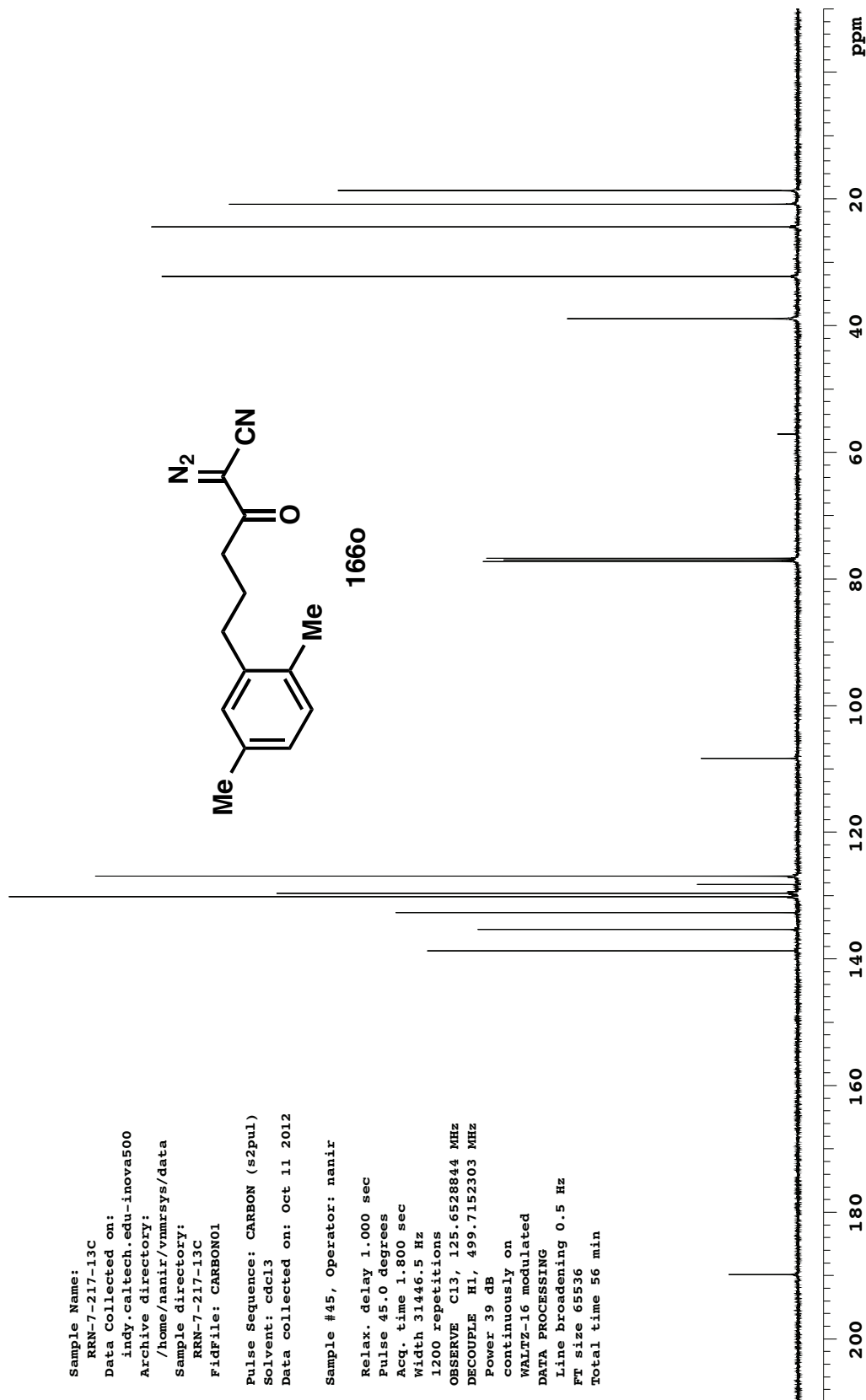


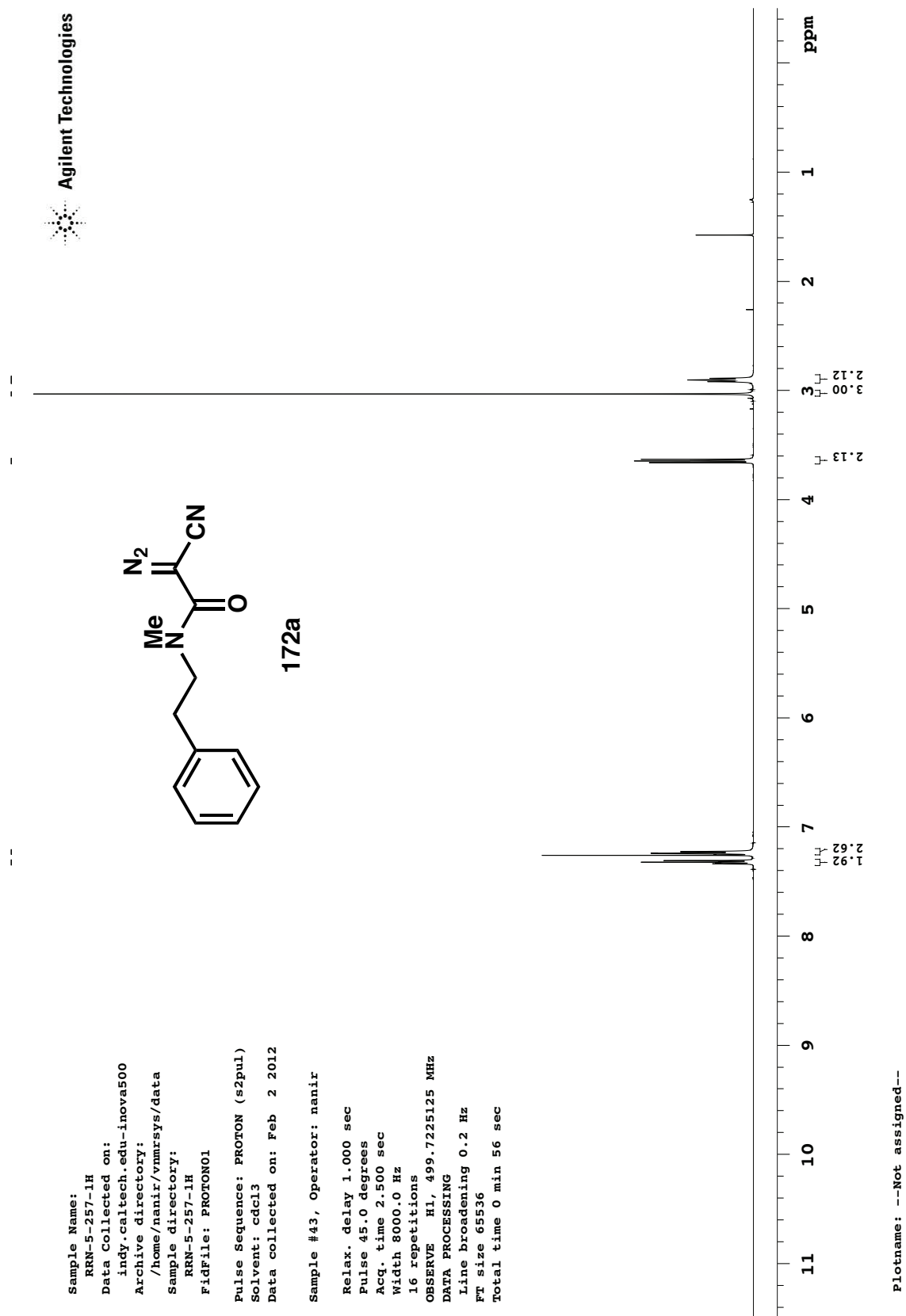
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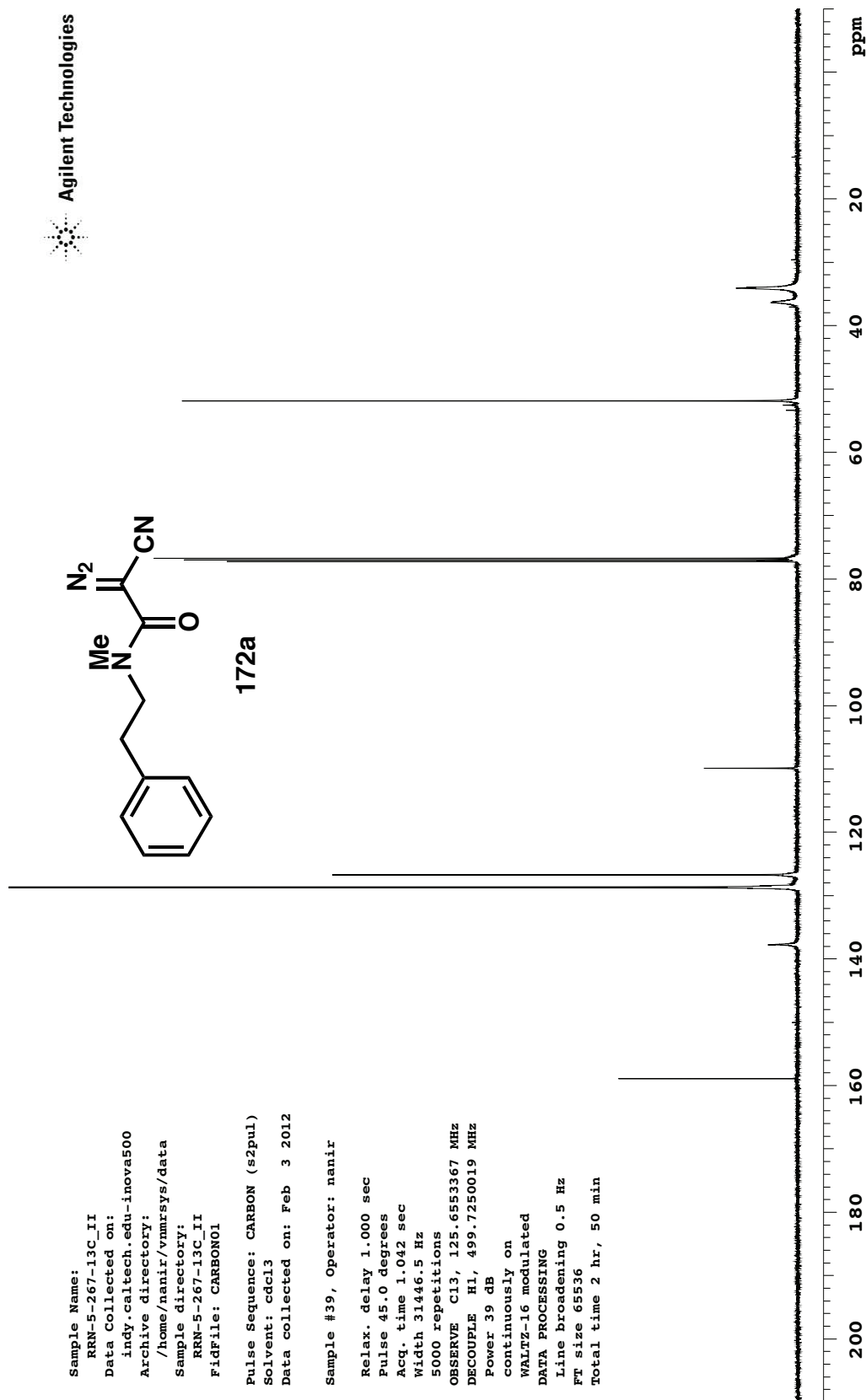






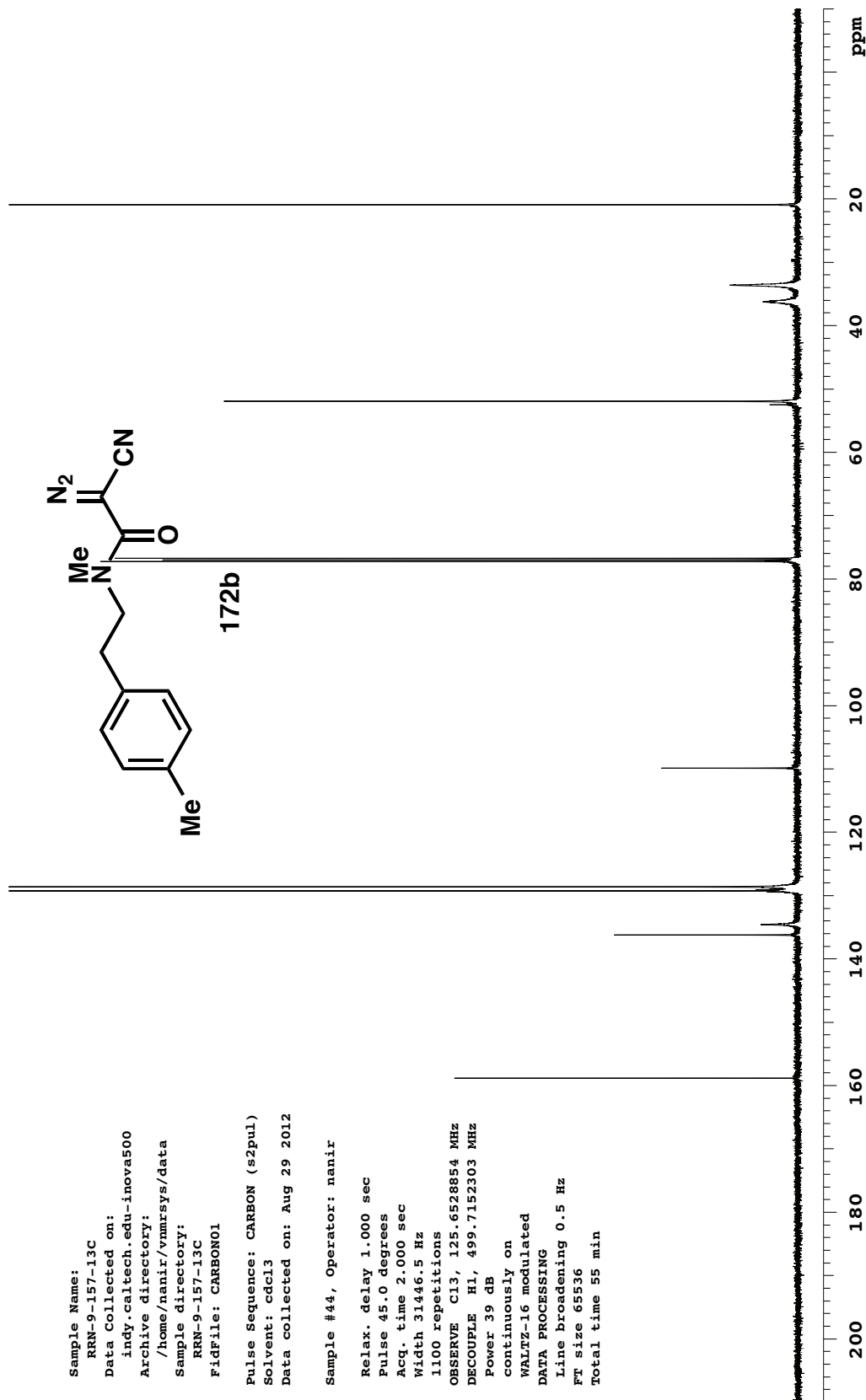






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Sample Name:

RRN-7-23-1H

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vmrsys/data

Sample directory:

RRN-7-23-1H

FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Feb 2 2012

Sample #44, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 2.500 sec

Width 8000.0 Hz

32 repetitions

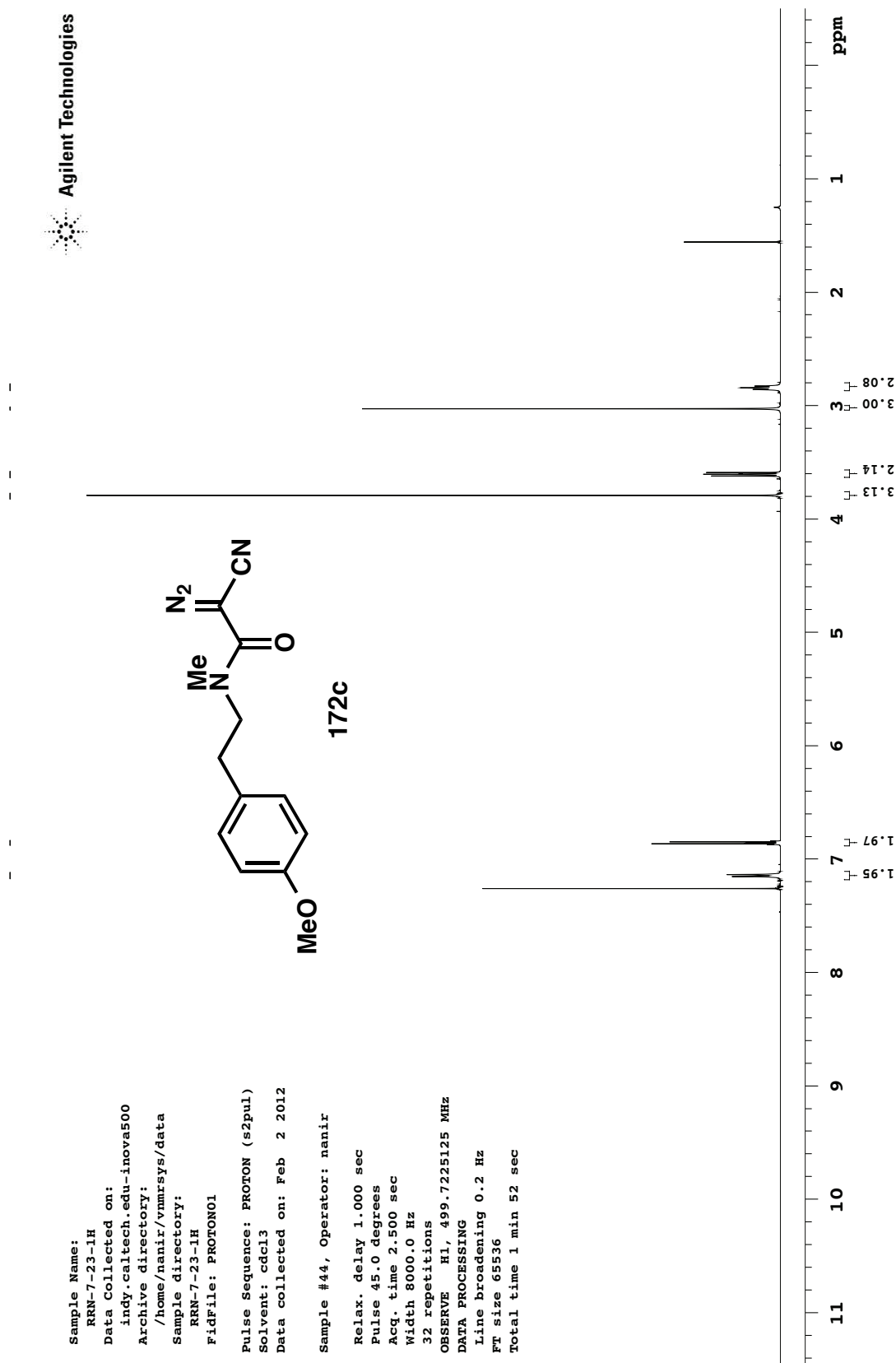
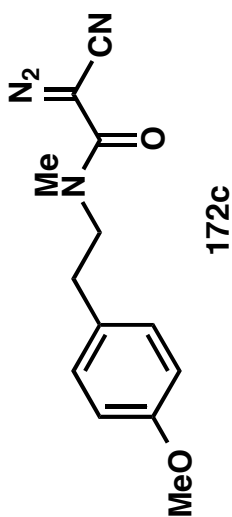
OBSERVE H1, 499.7225125 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

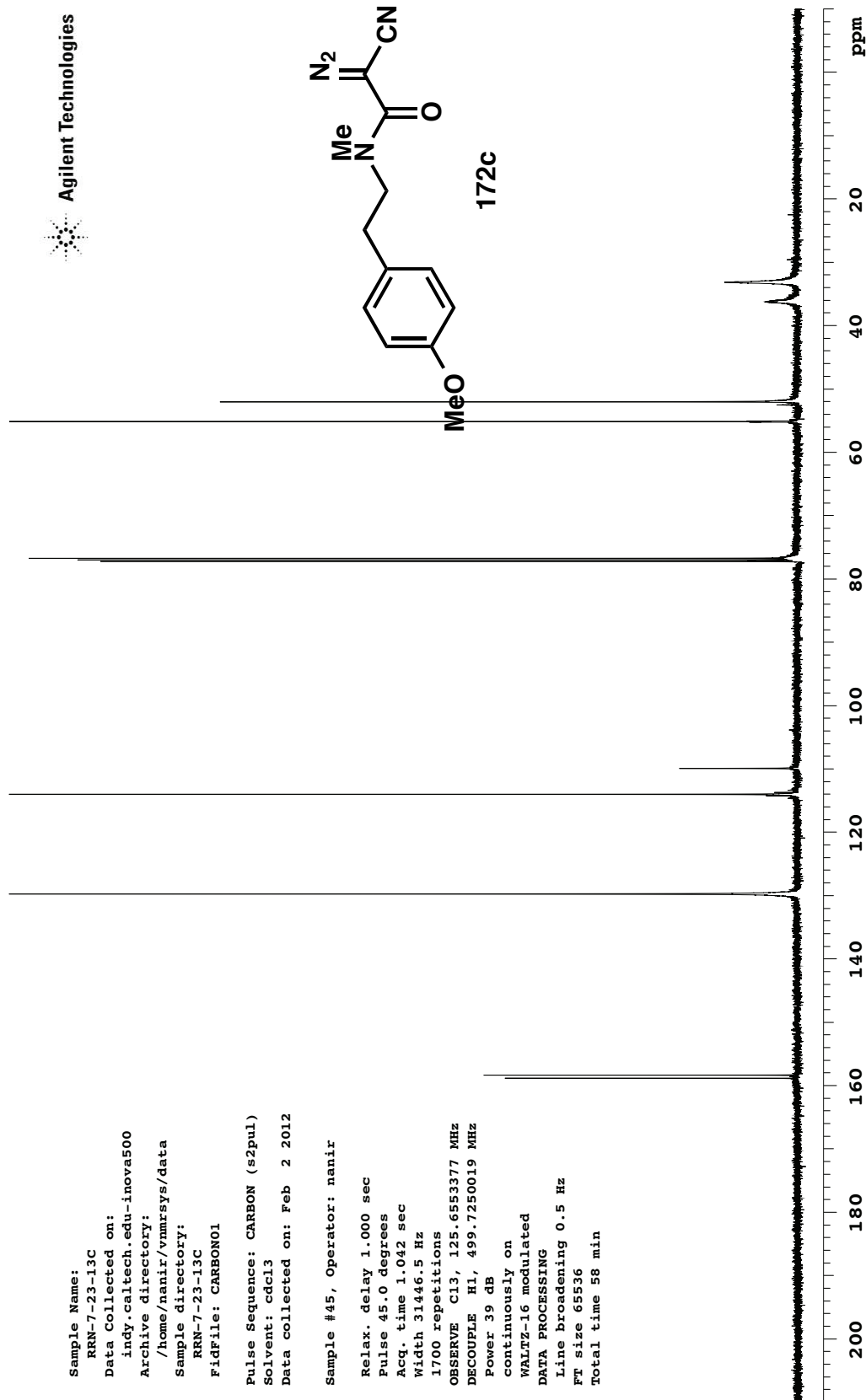
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FT size 65536

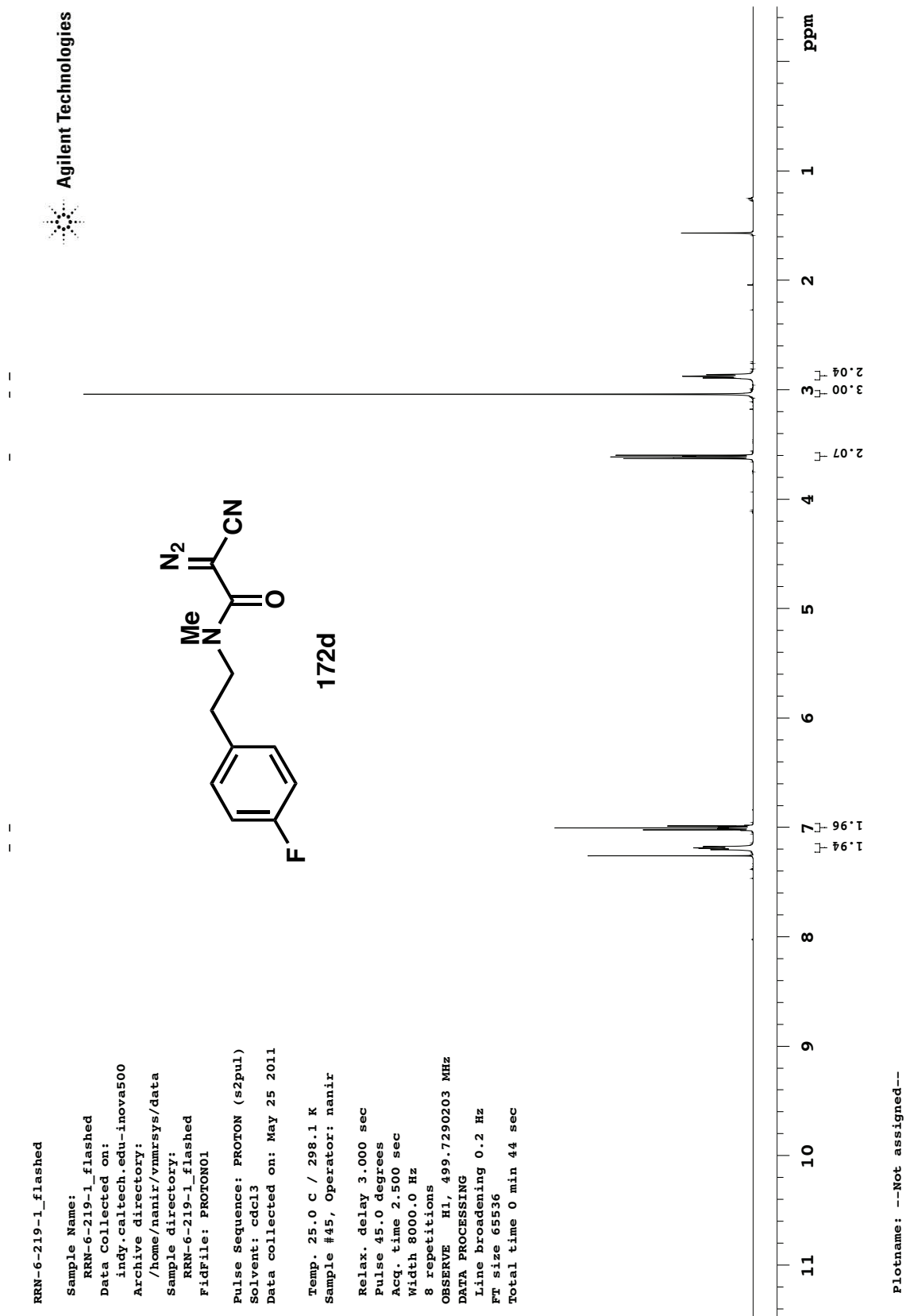
Total time 1 min 52 sec

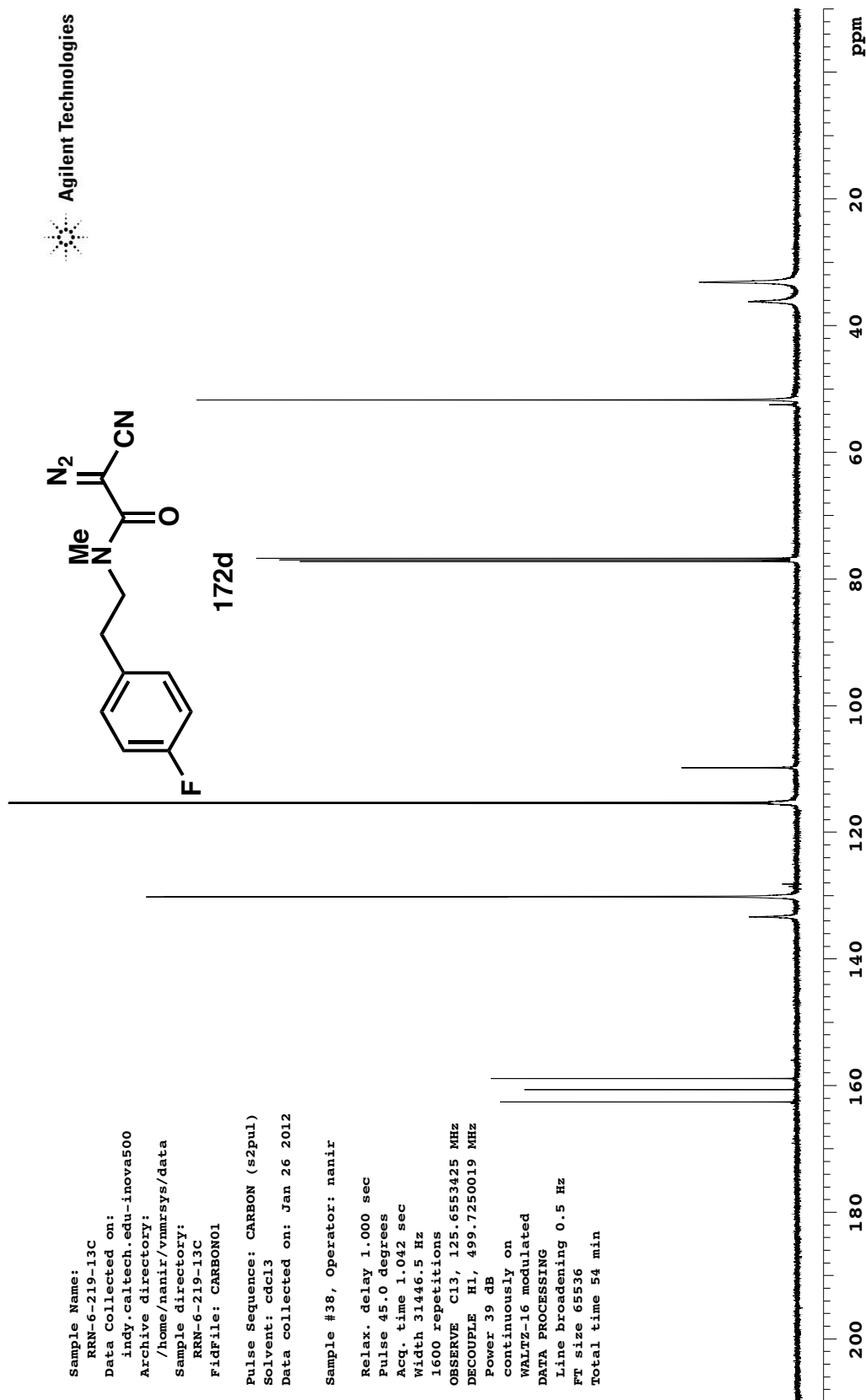


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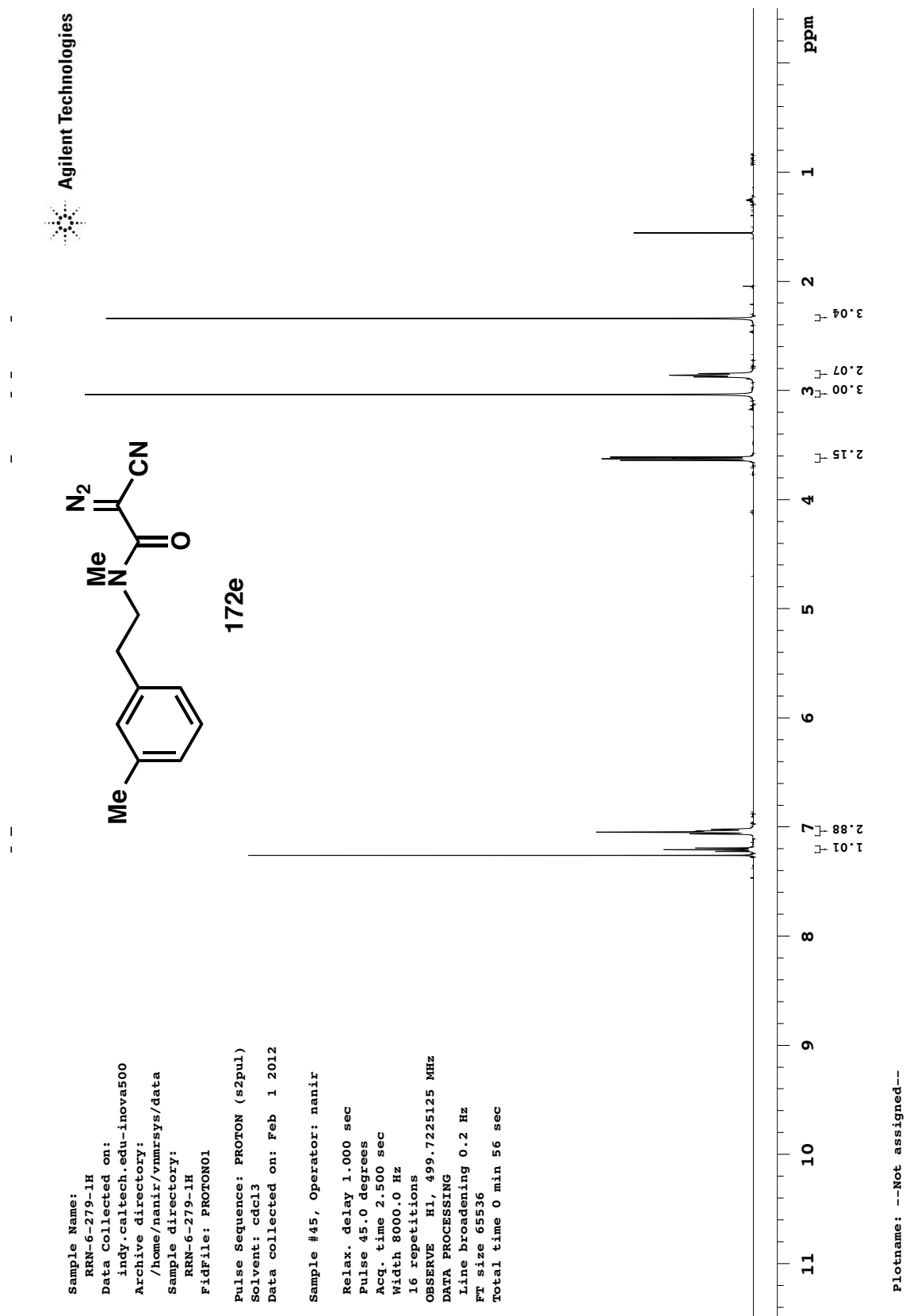
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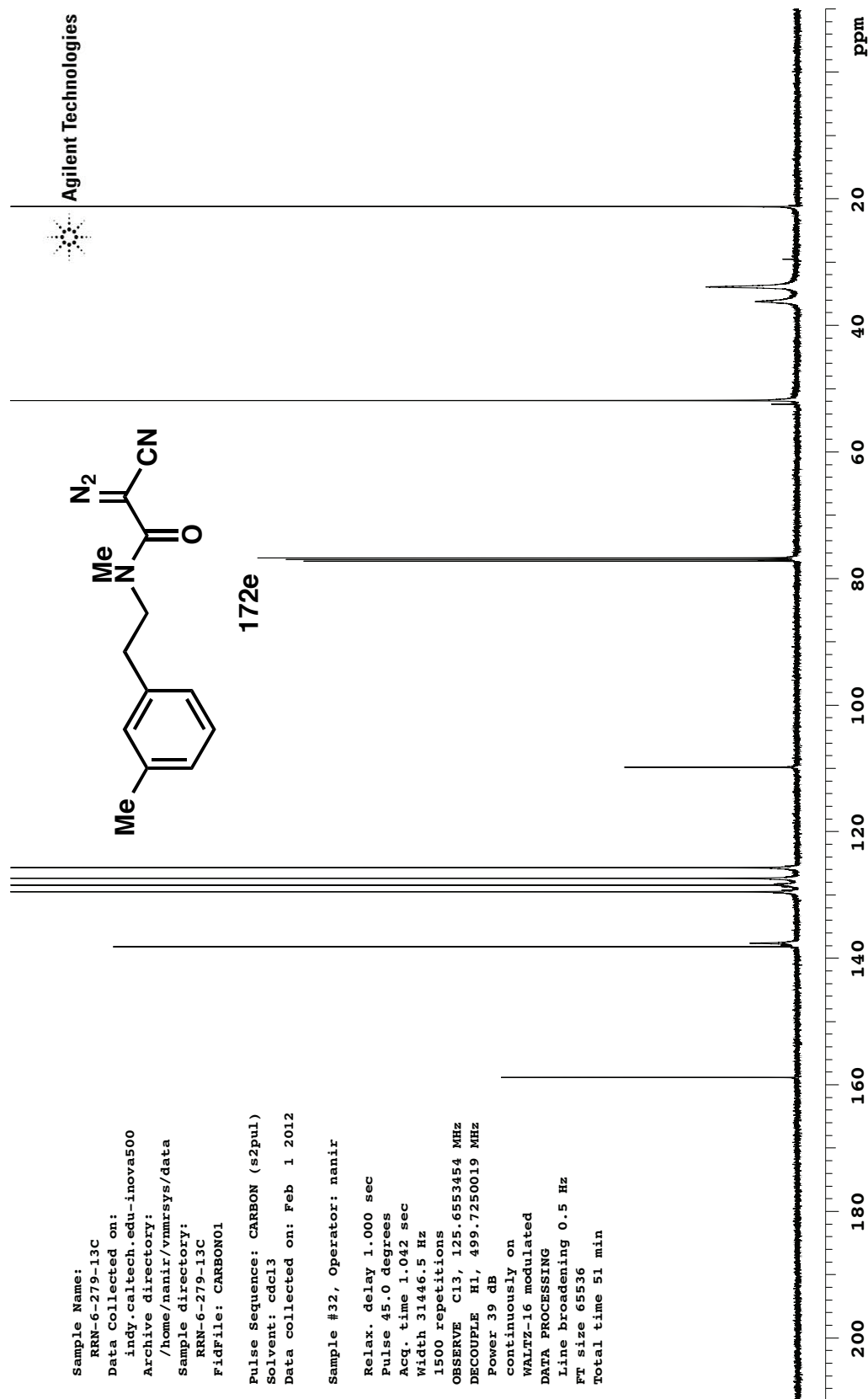




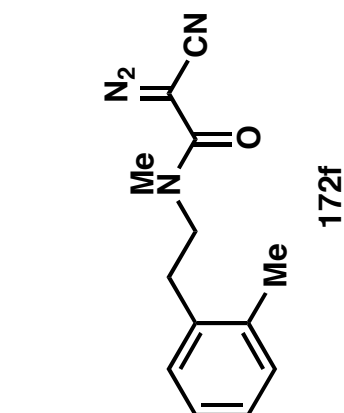
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Plotname: --Not assigned--

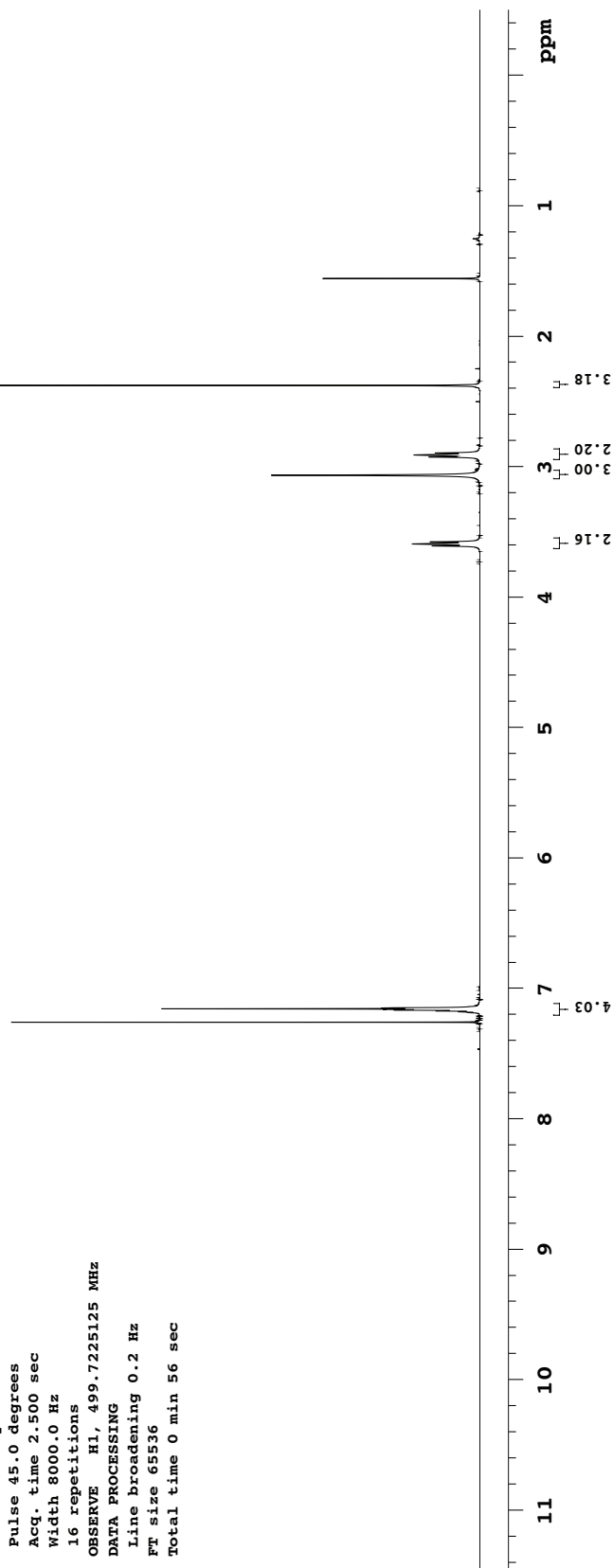




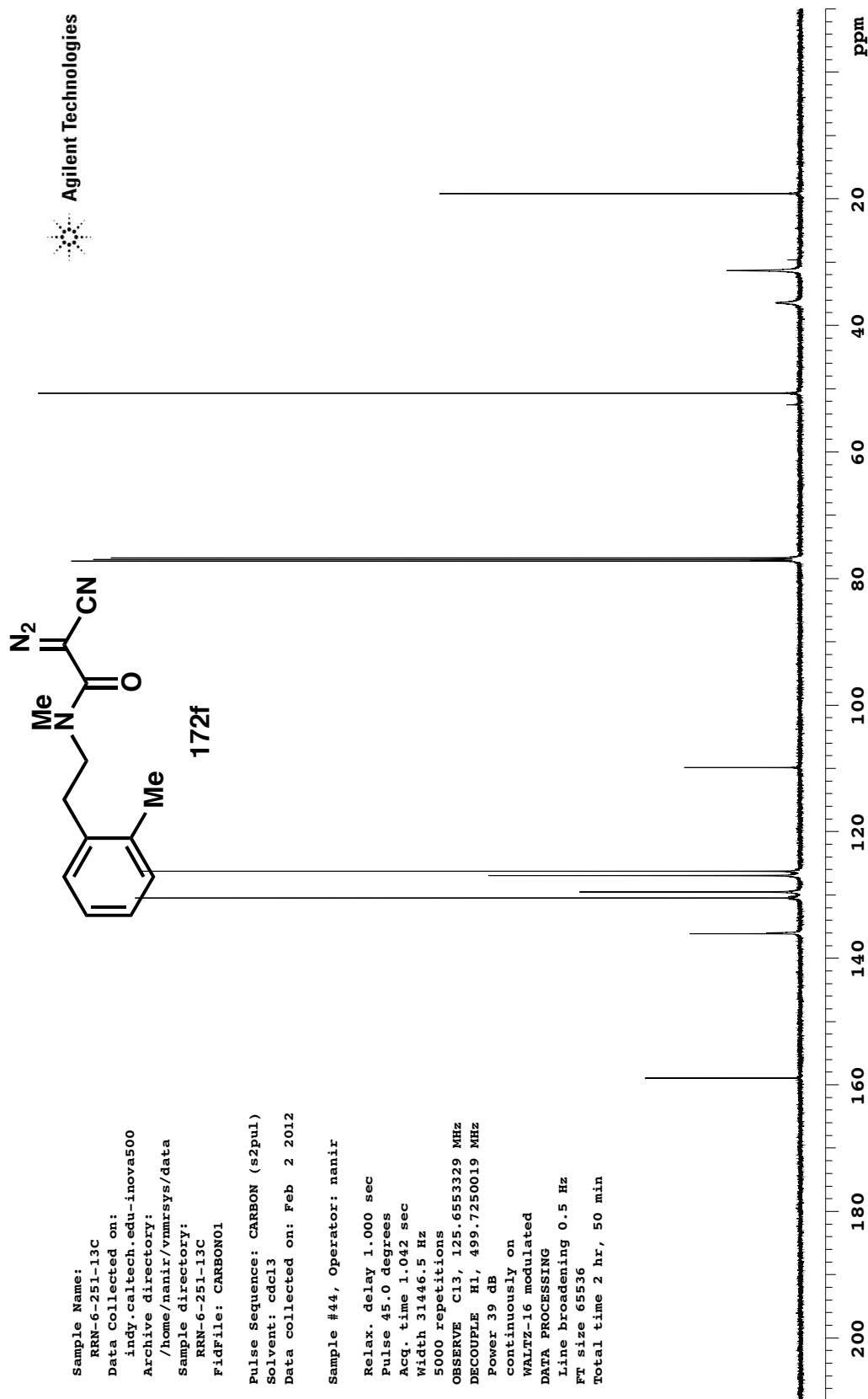
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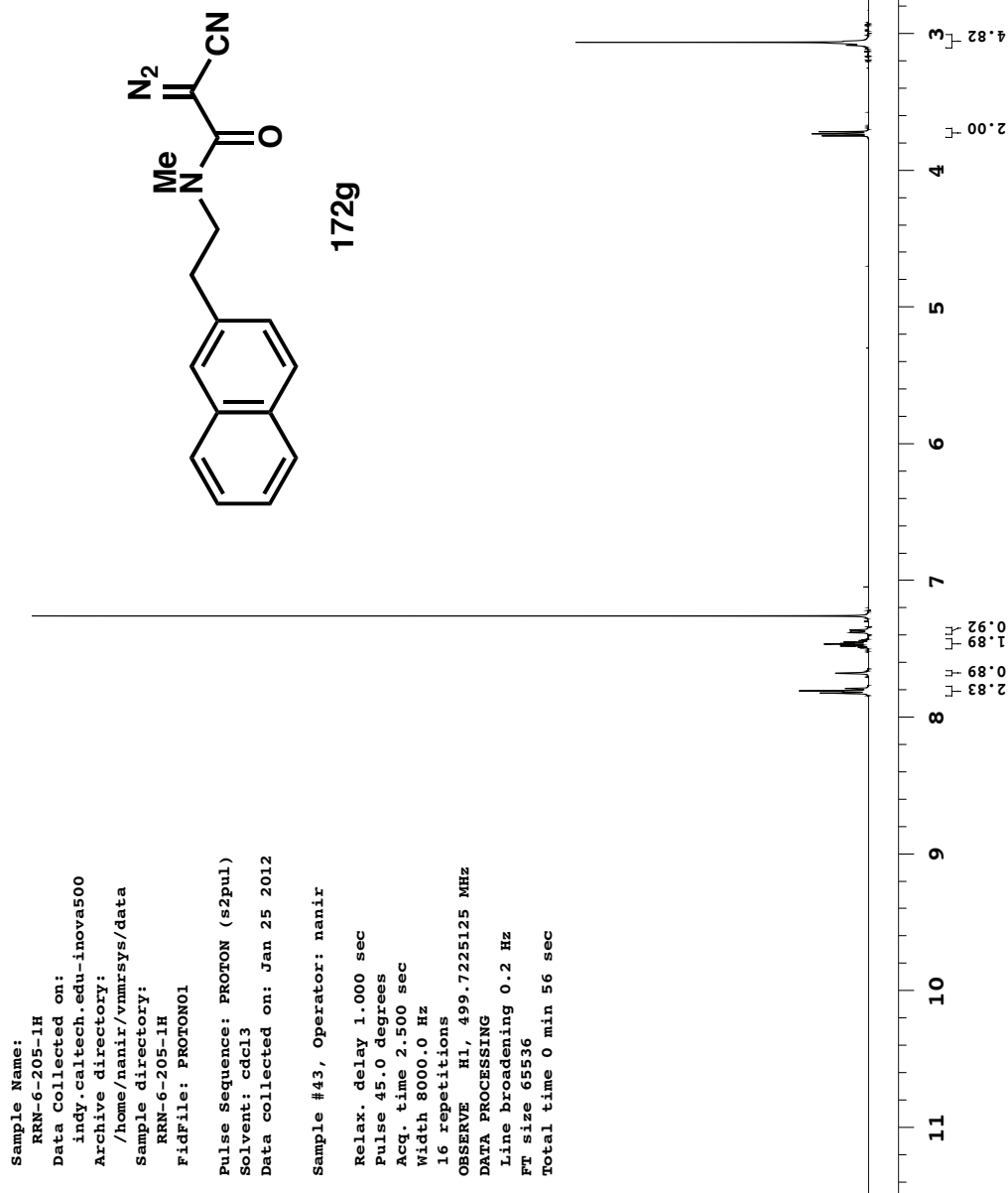
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Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-6-251-1H
FidFile: PROTON01
Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Feb 1 2012
Sample #44, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
16 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7225125 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 0 min 56 sec

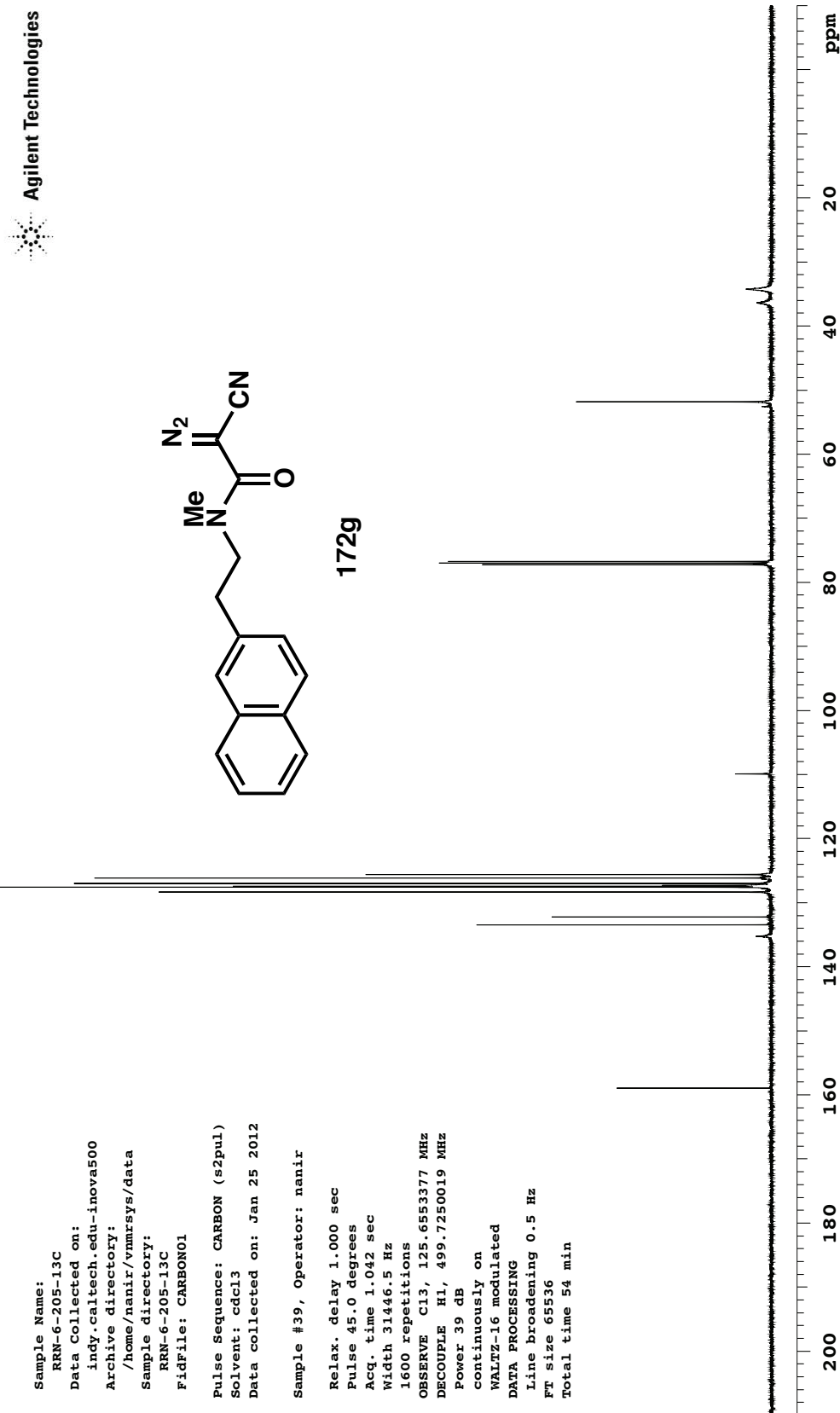


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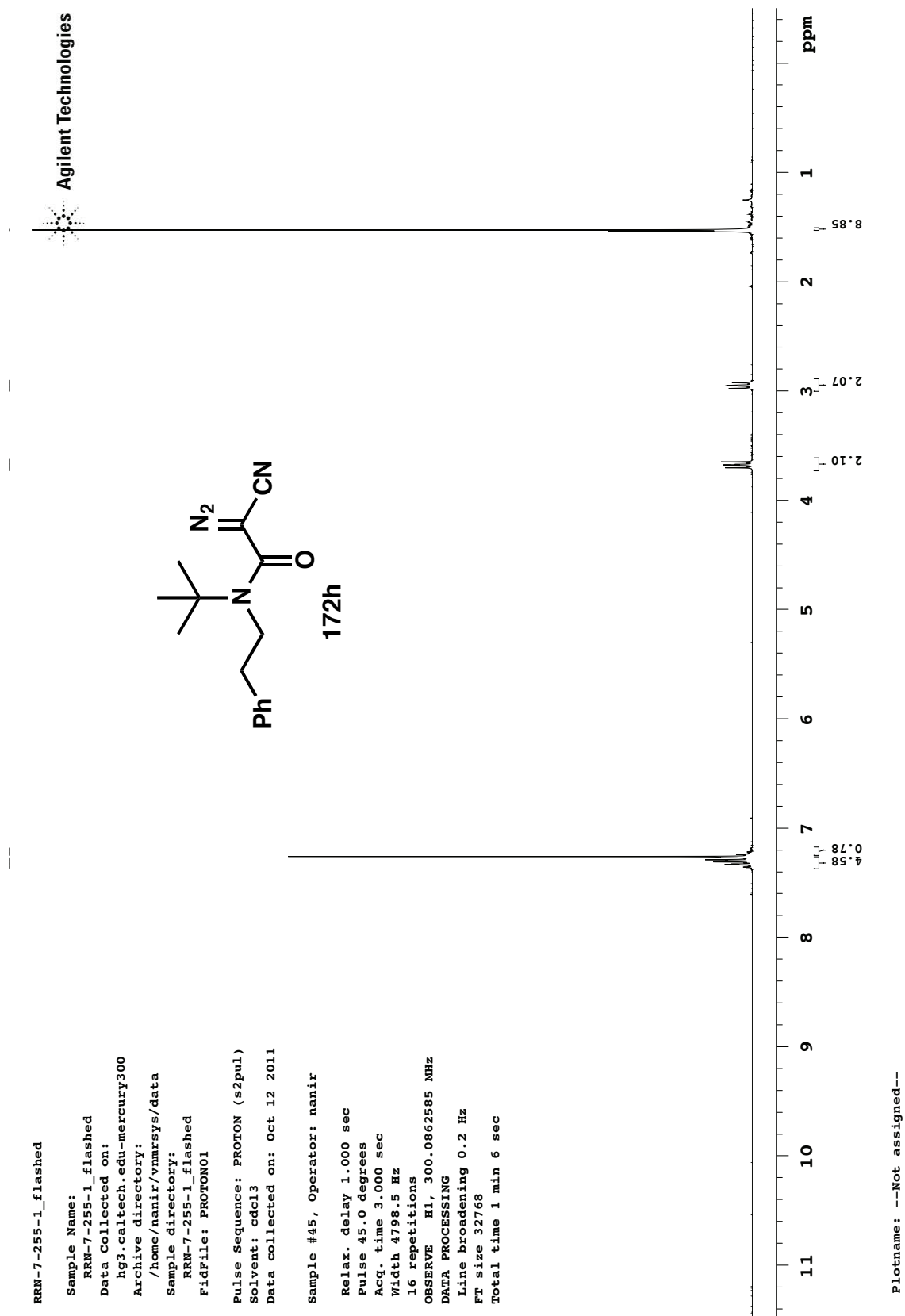


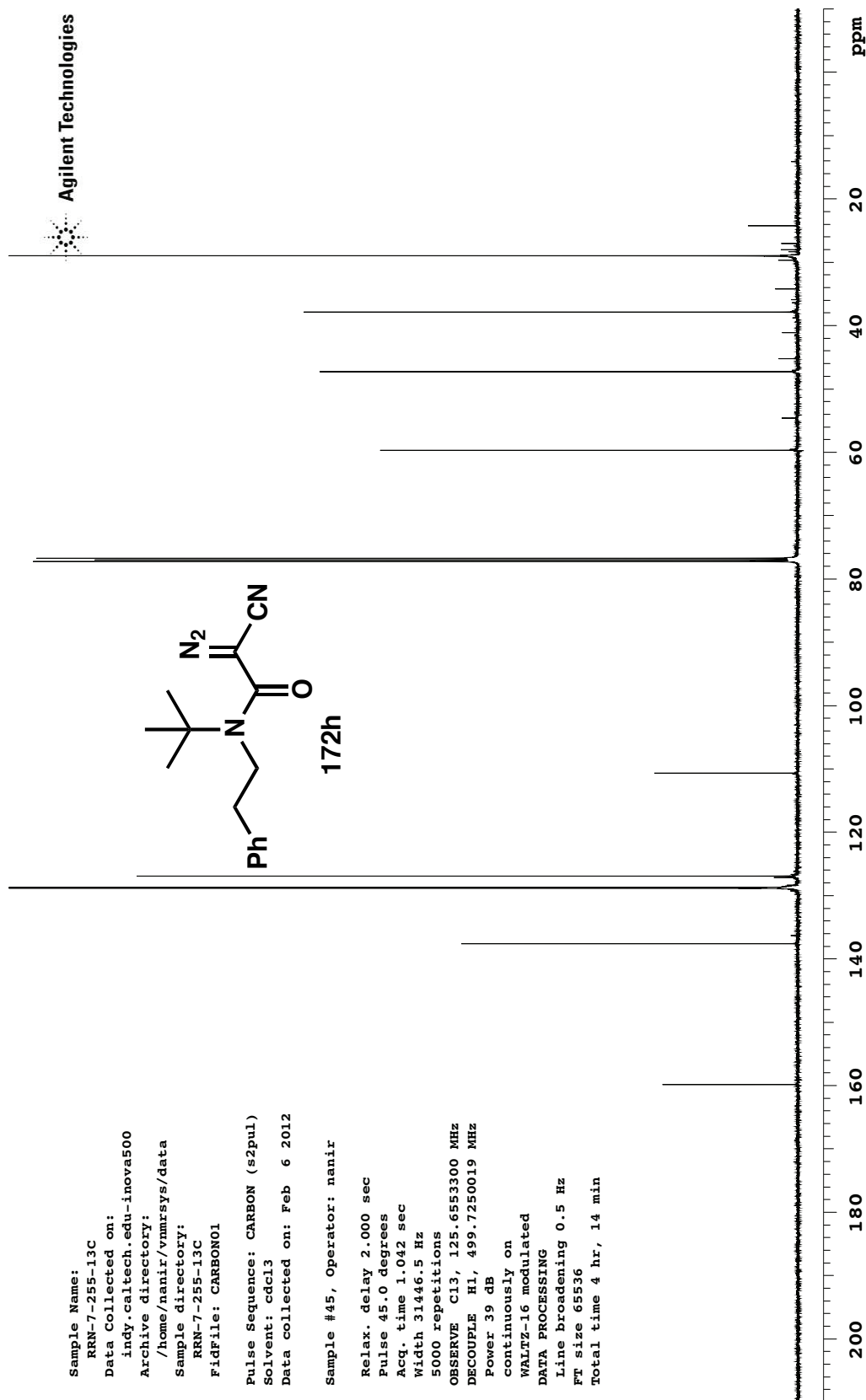
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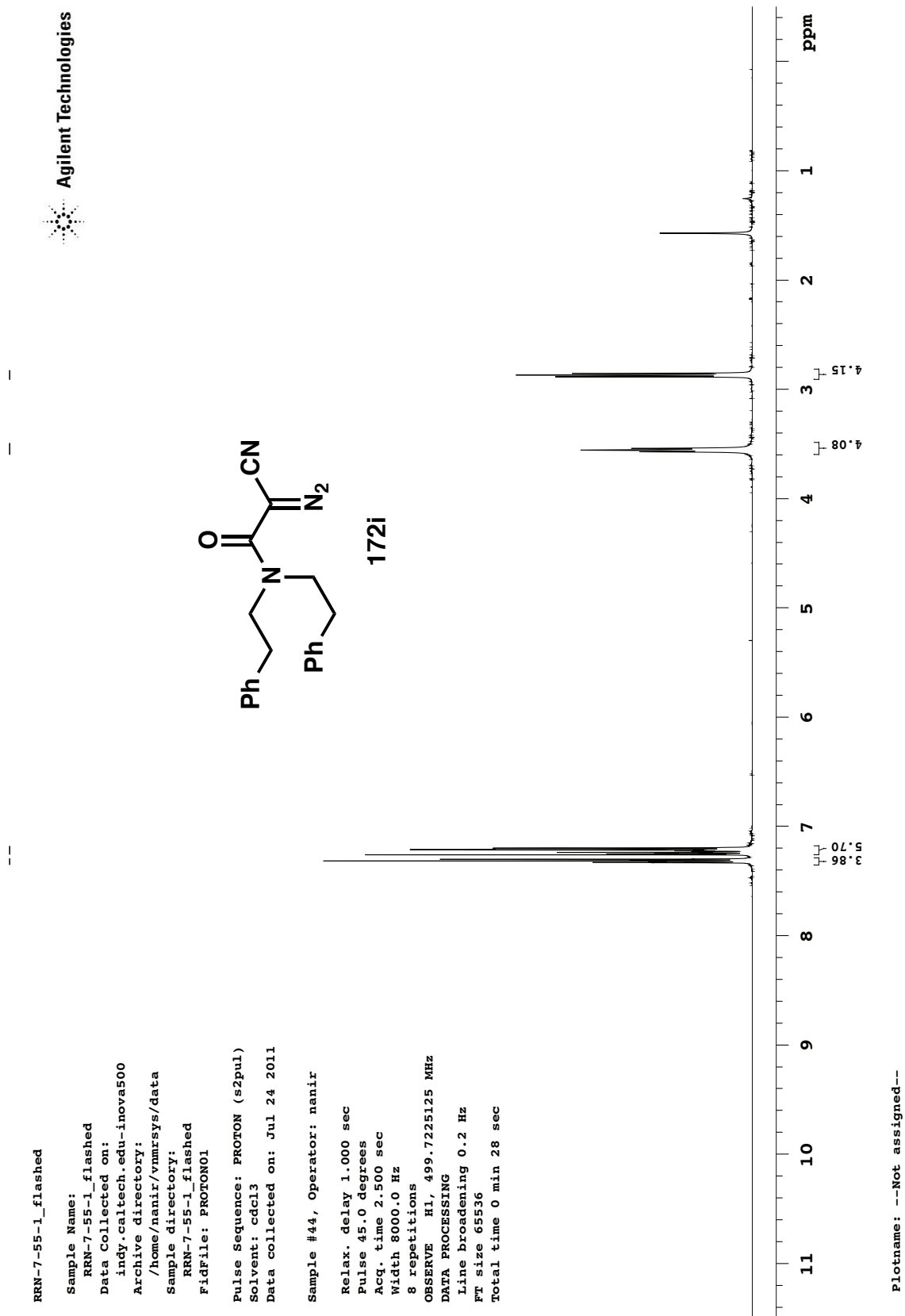


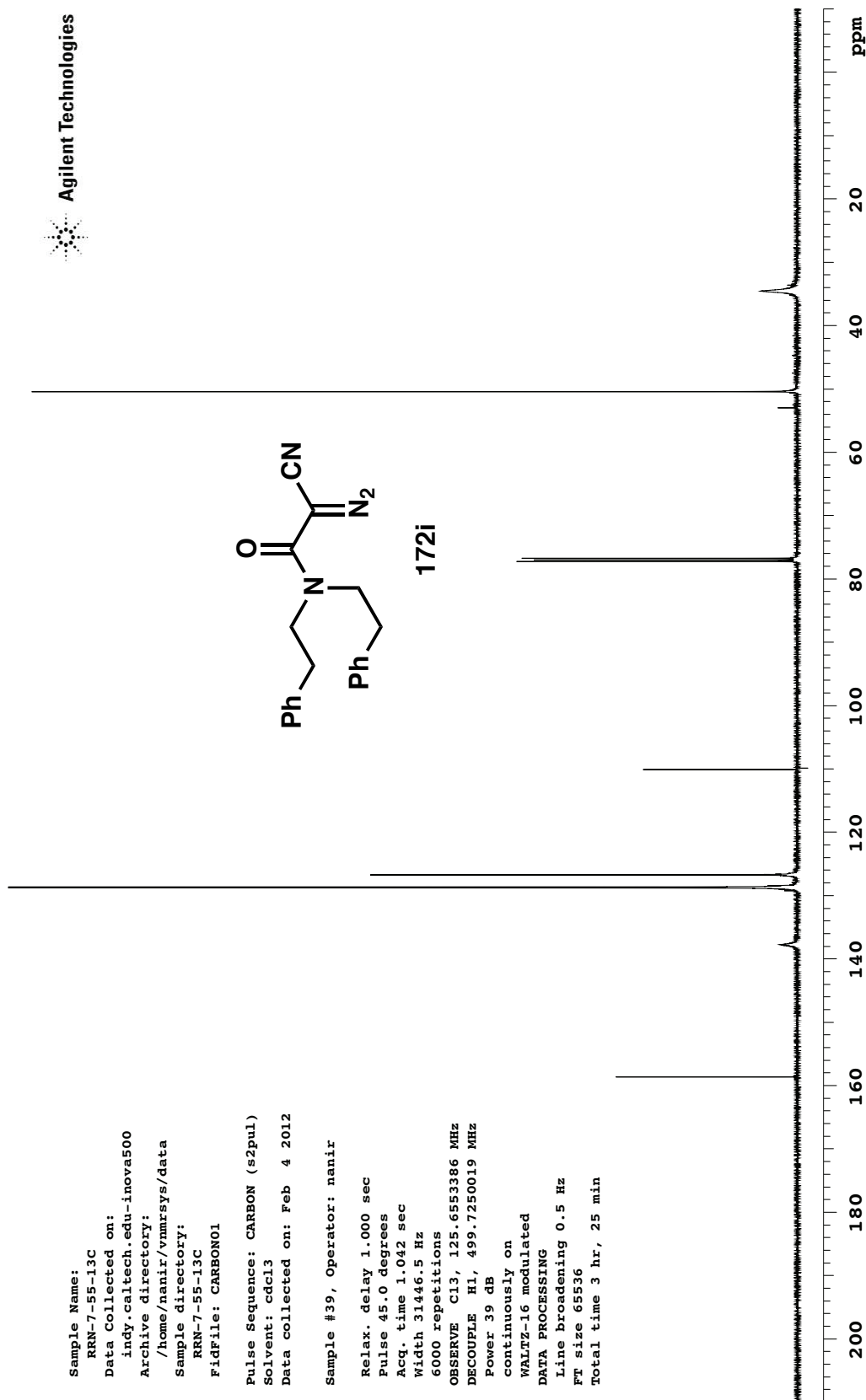
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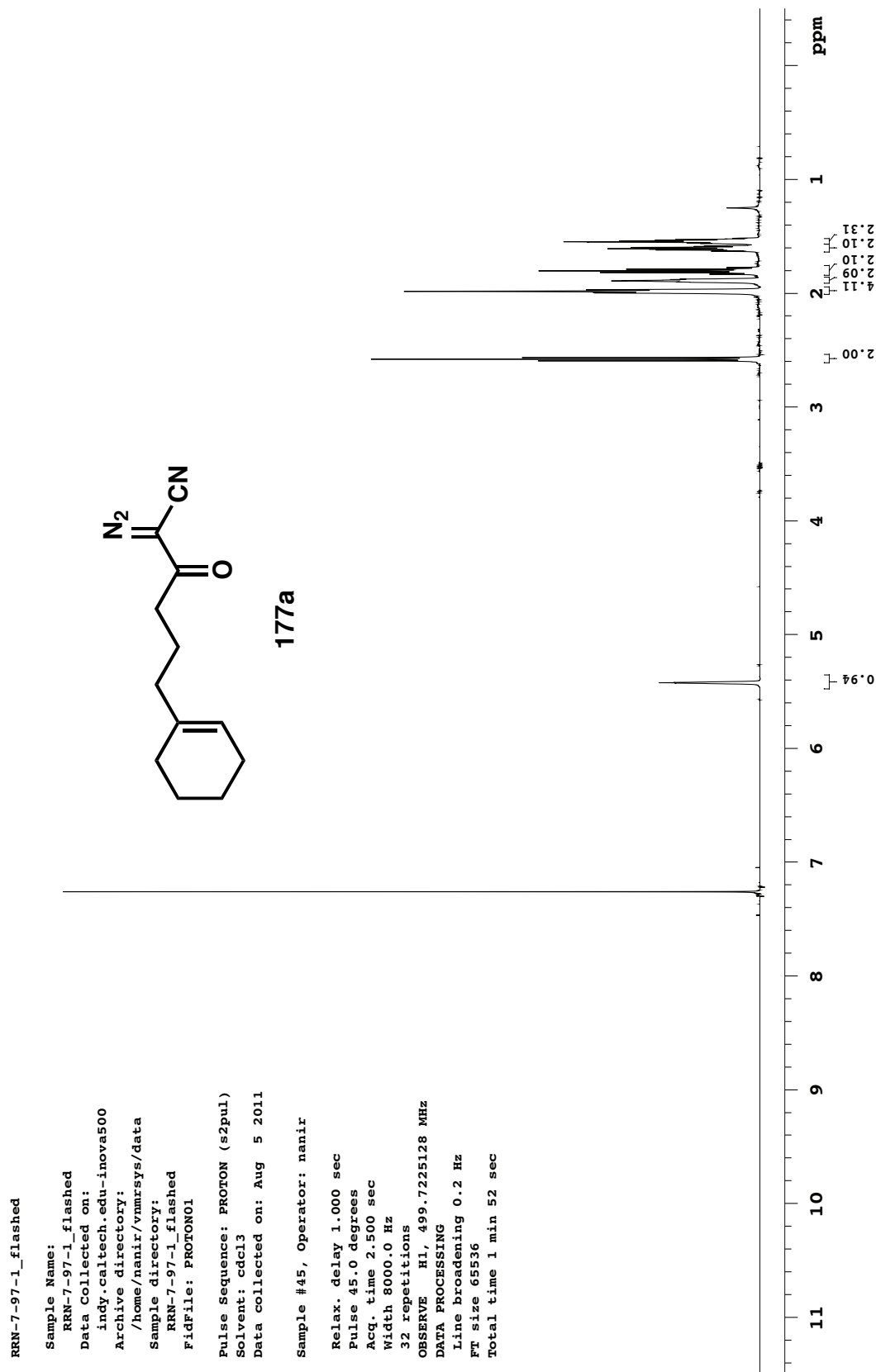


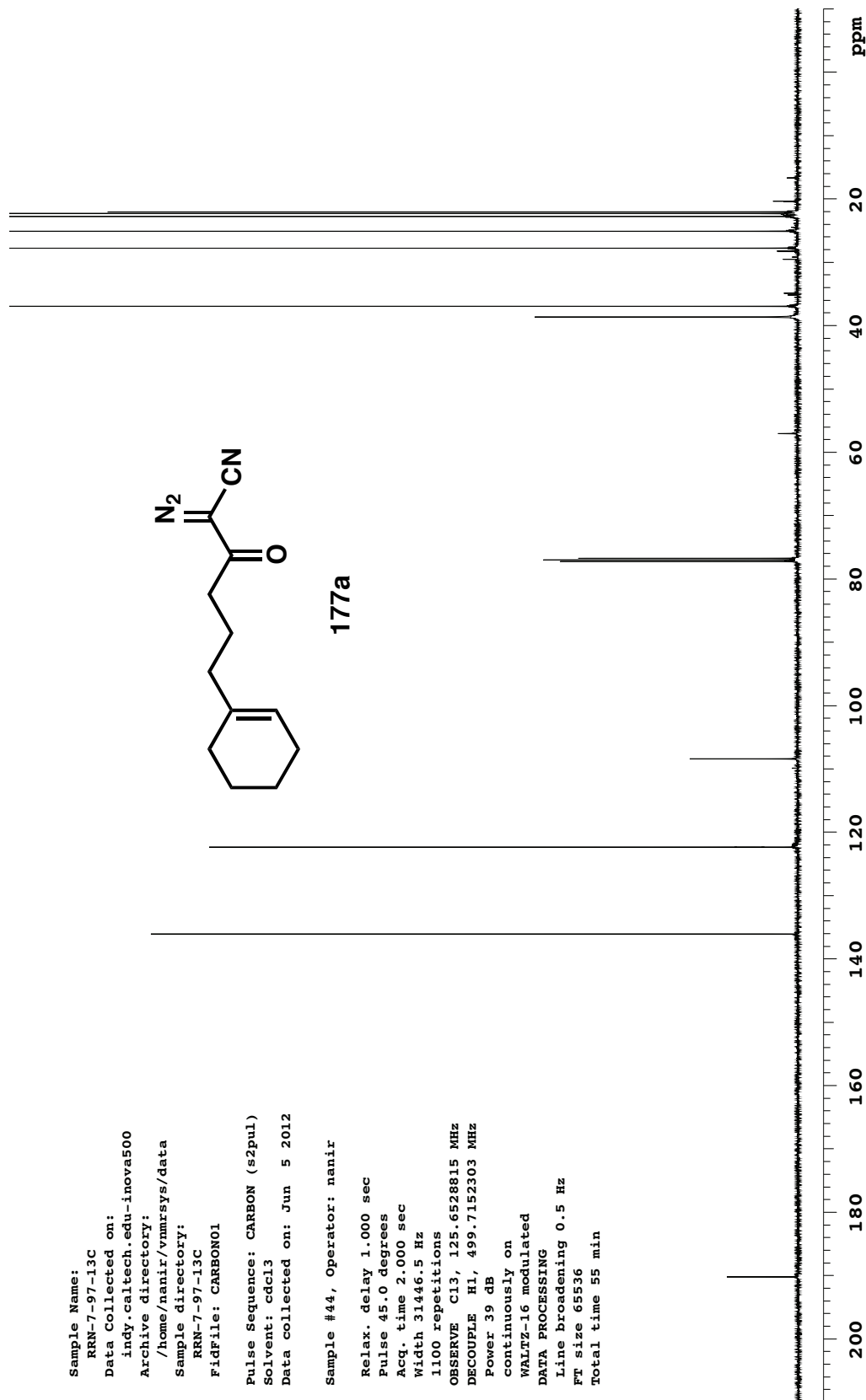
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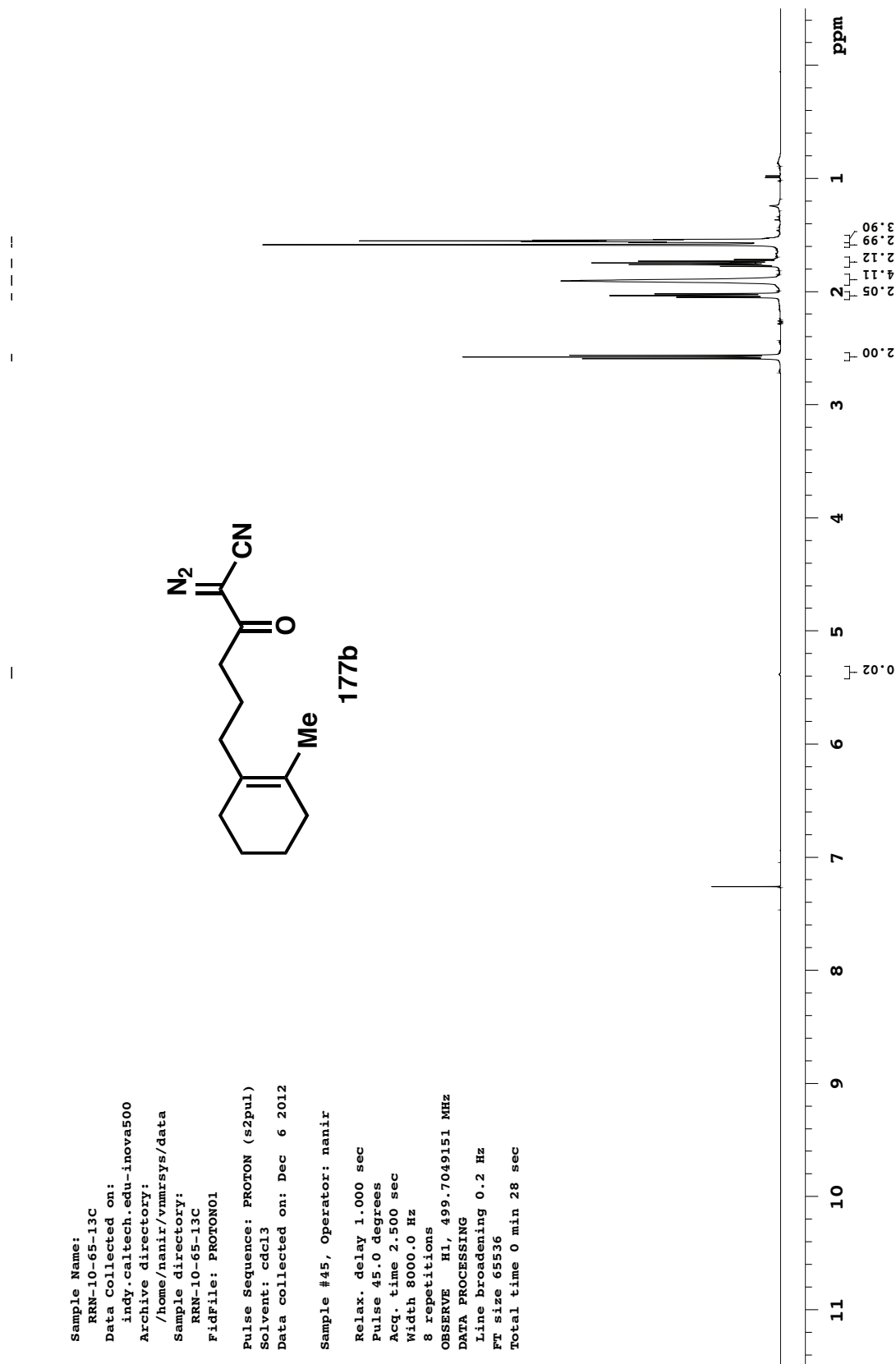


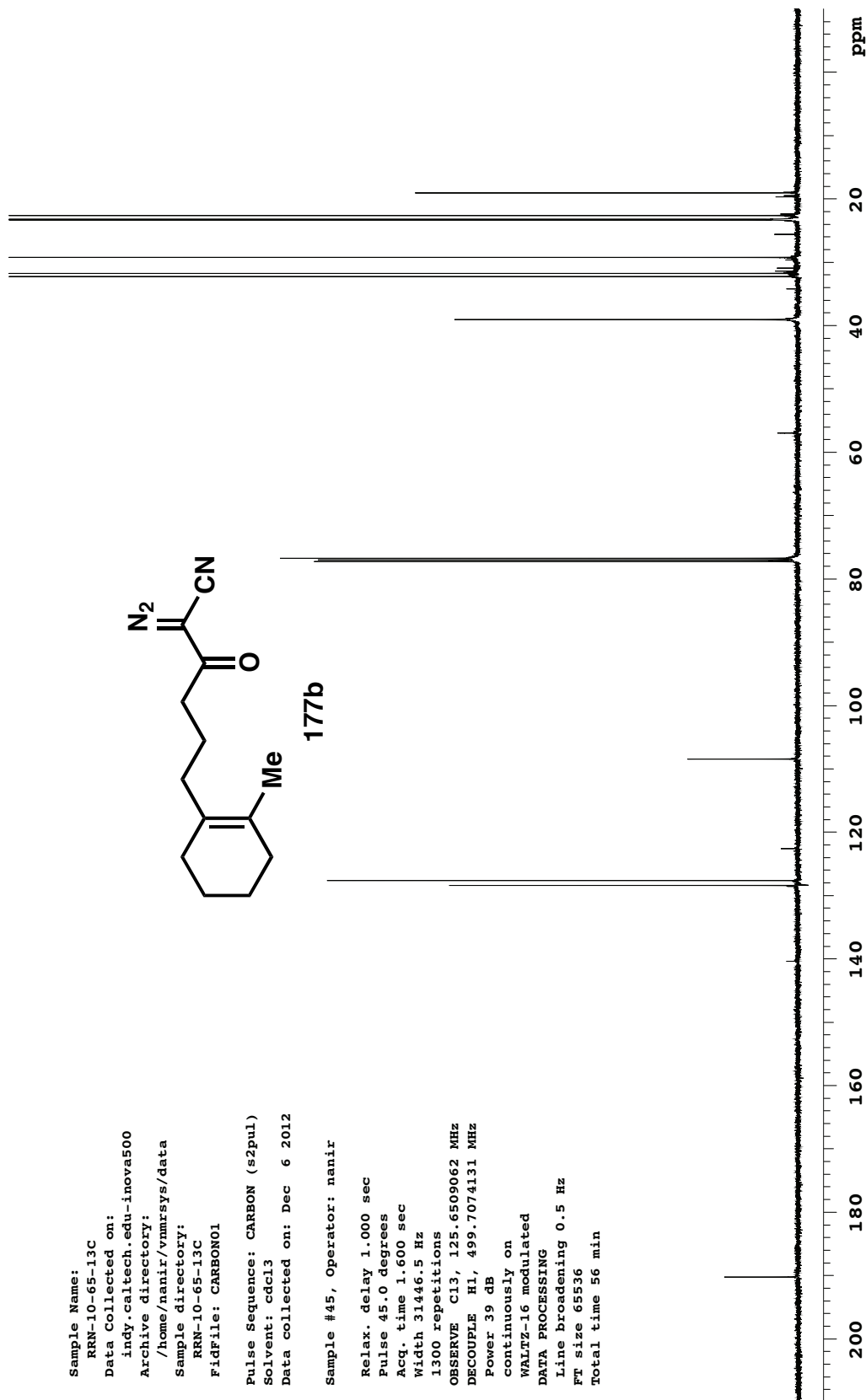


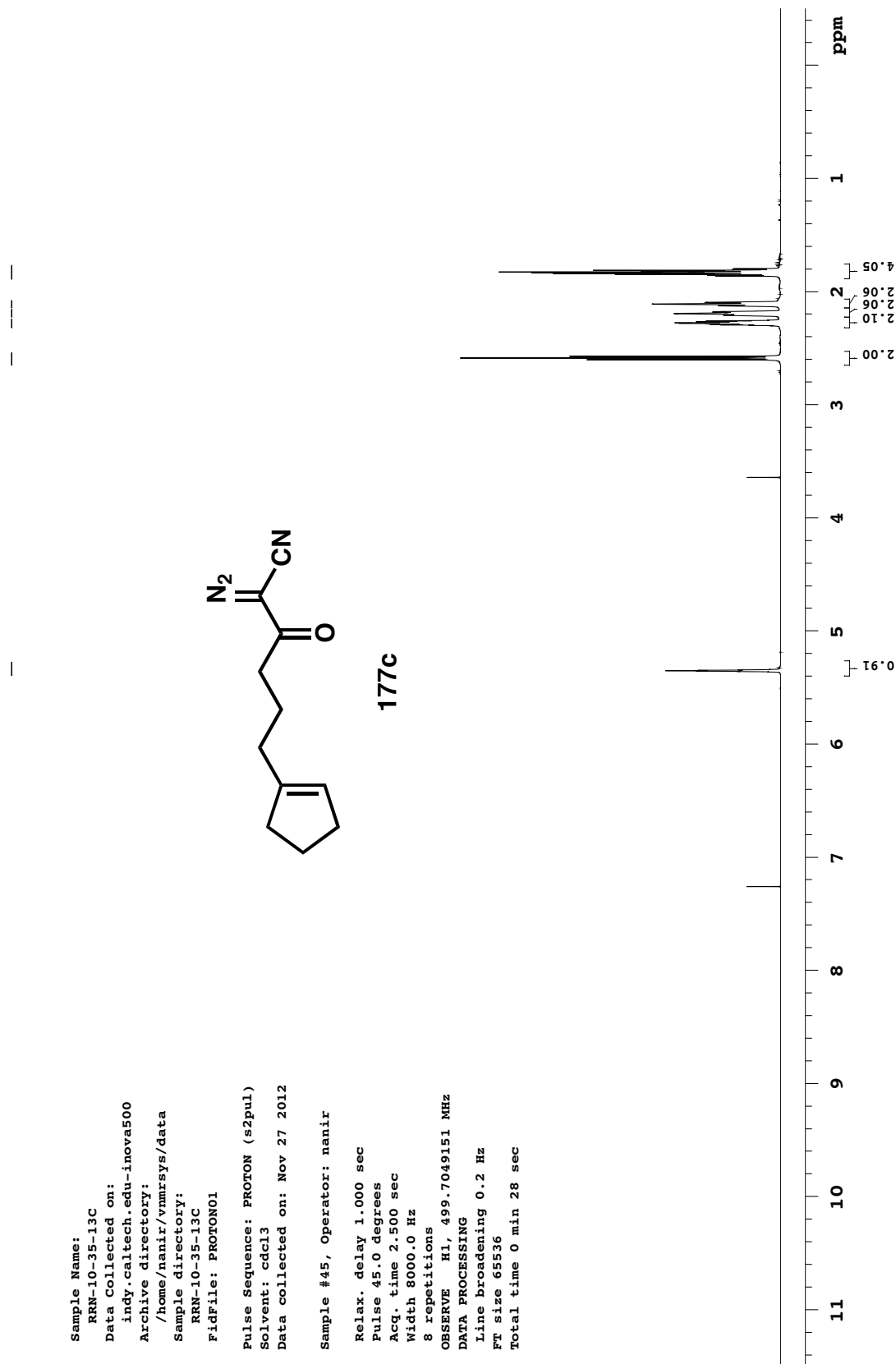
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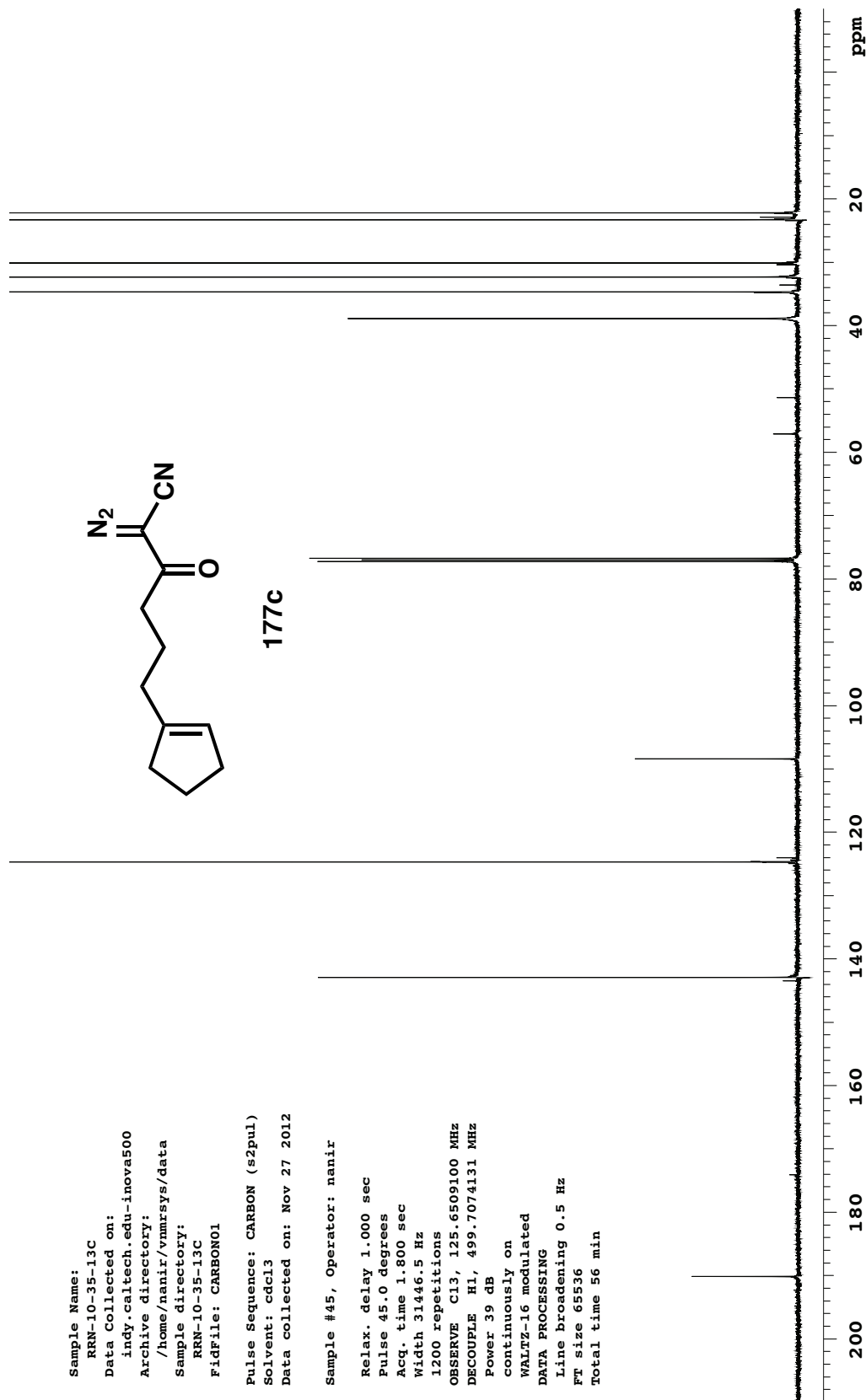


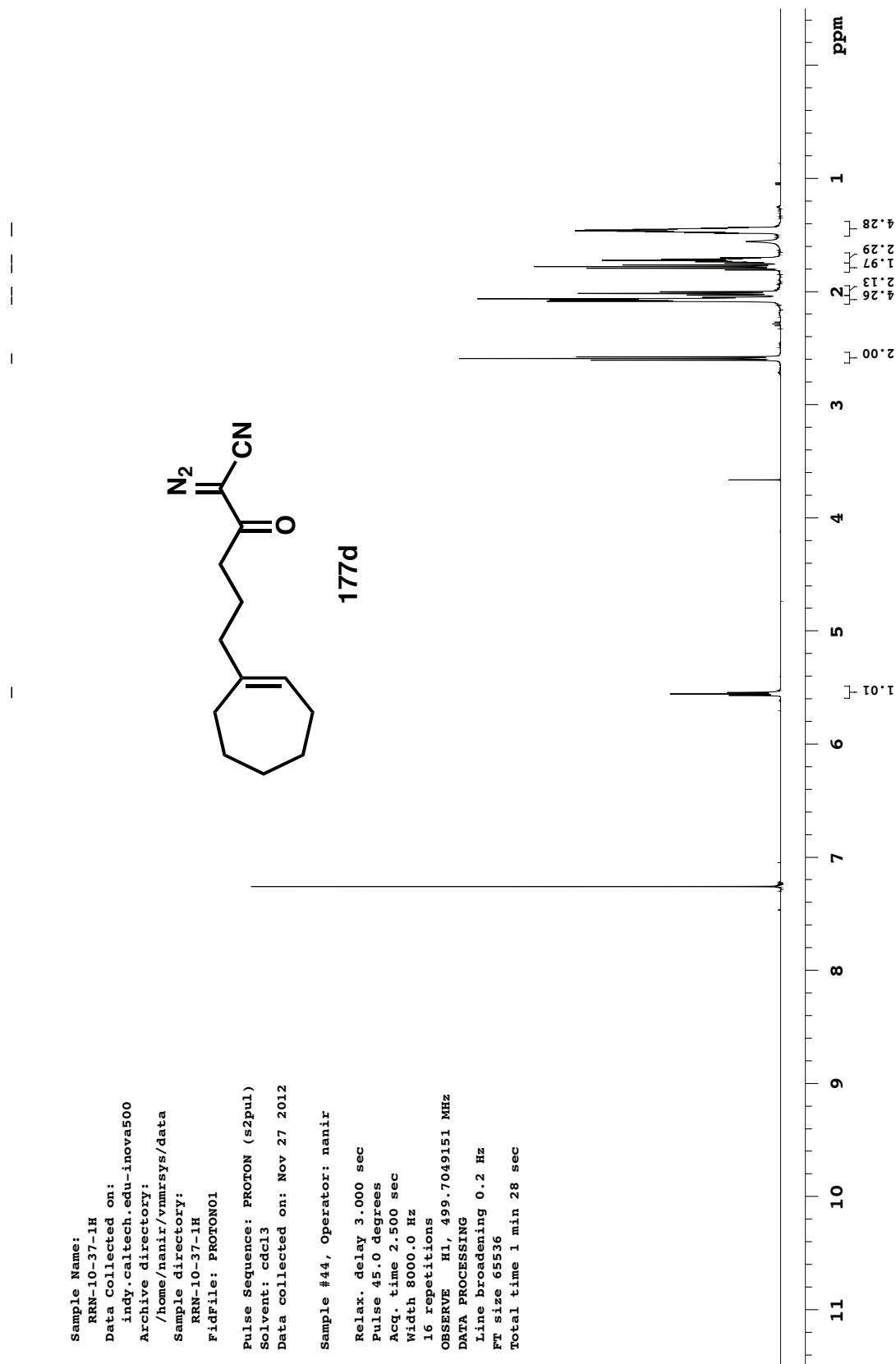


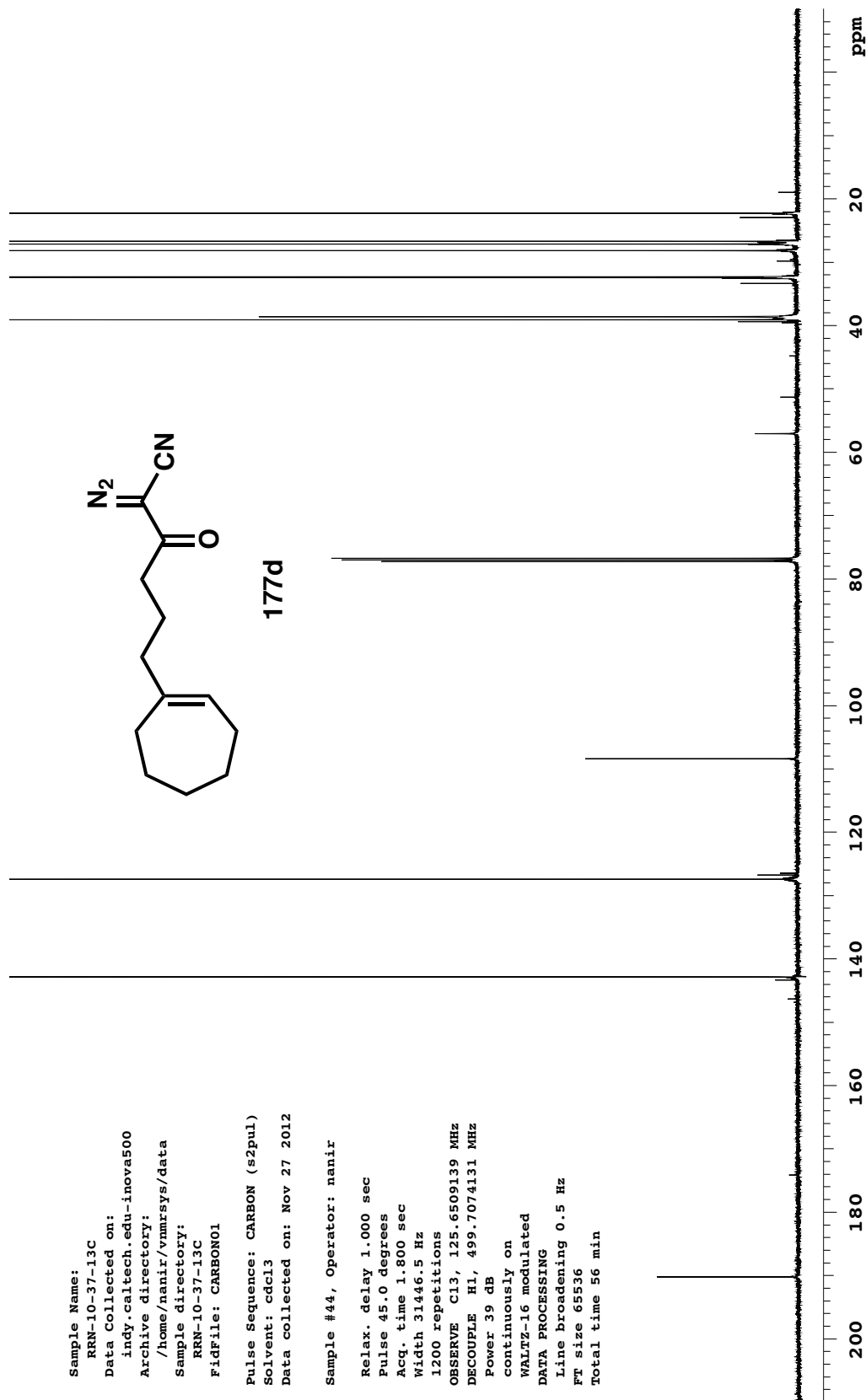


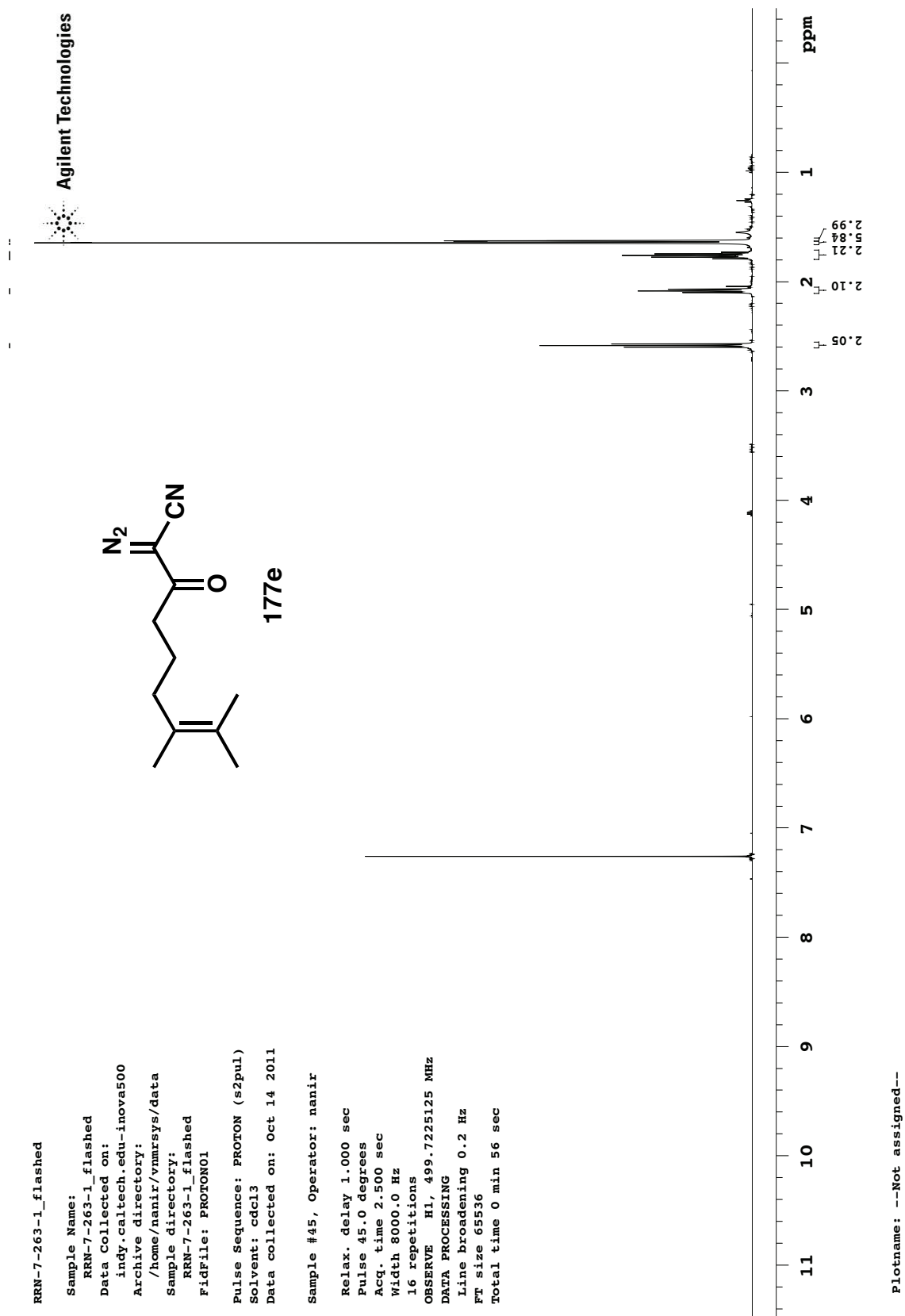




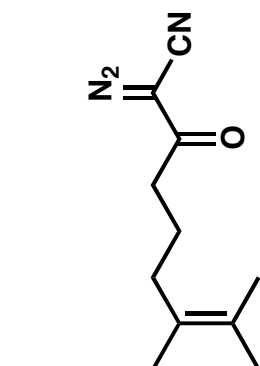








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Sample Name:
RRN-7-263-13C
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-7-263-13C
FidFile: CARBON01
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Jan 24 2012
Sample #39, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
1650 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6553329 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7250019 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 56 min

ppm

20

40

60

80

100

120

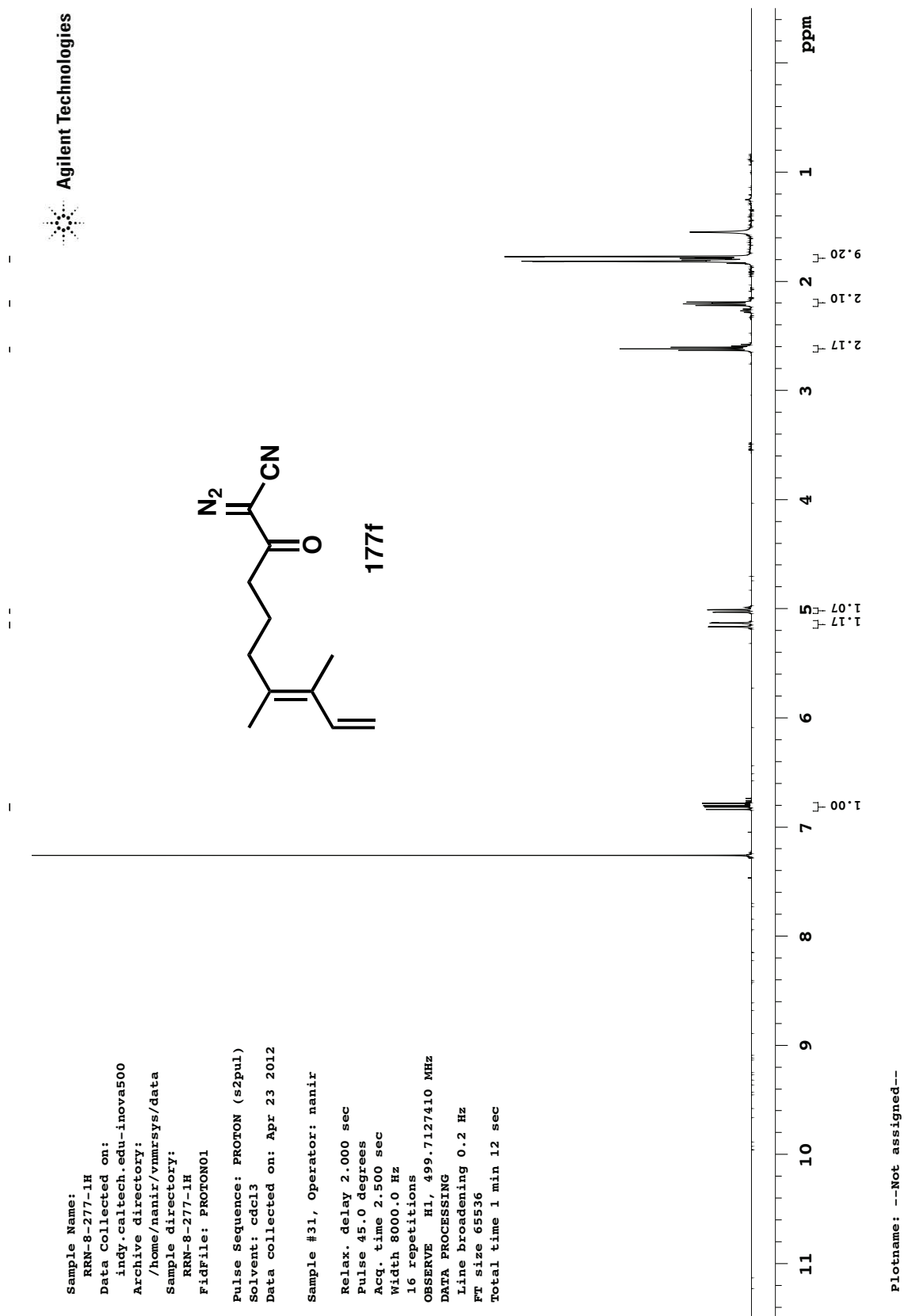
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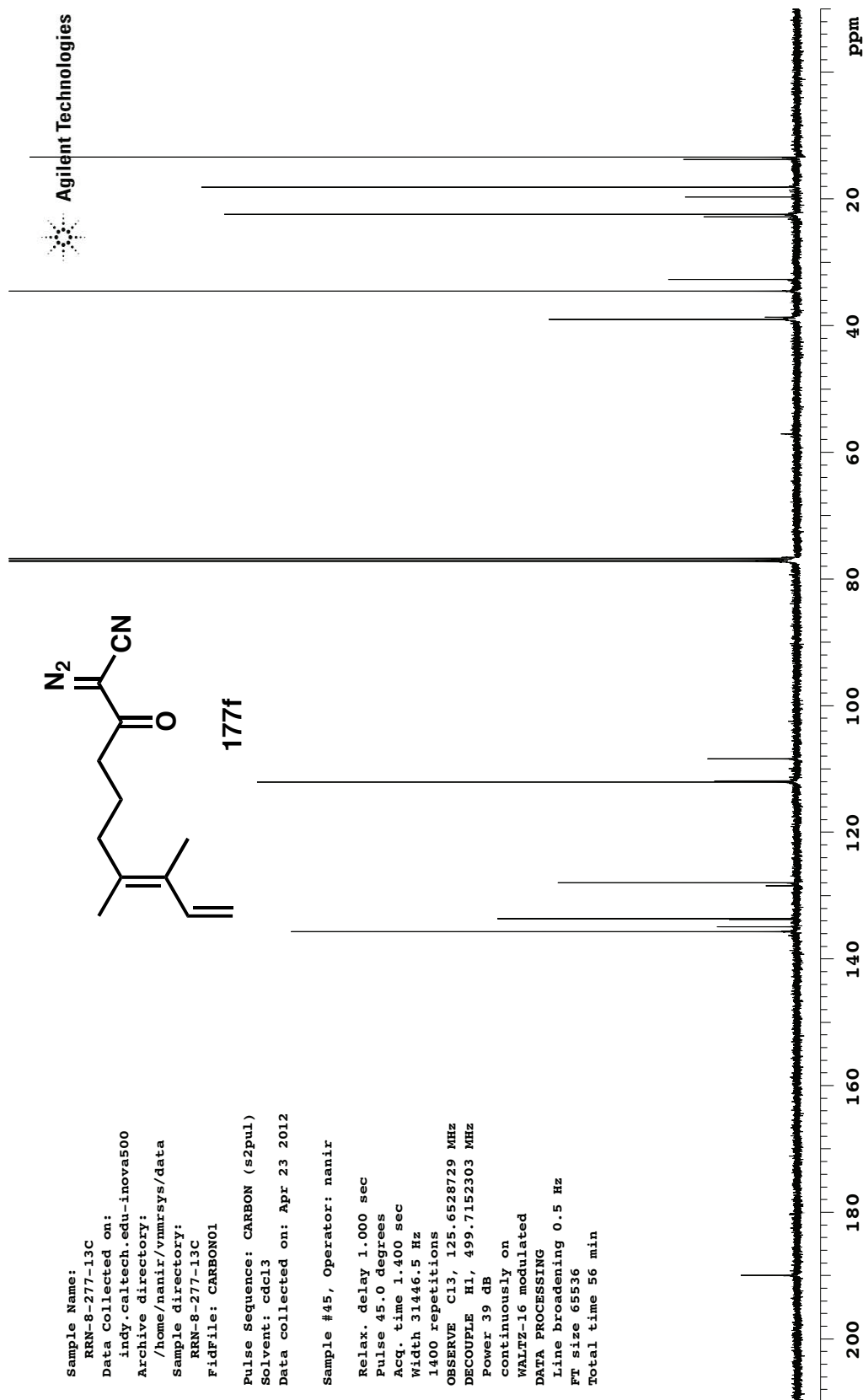
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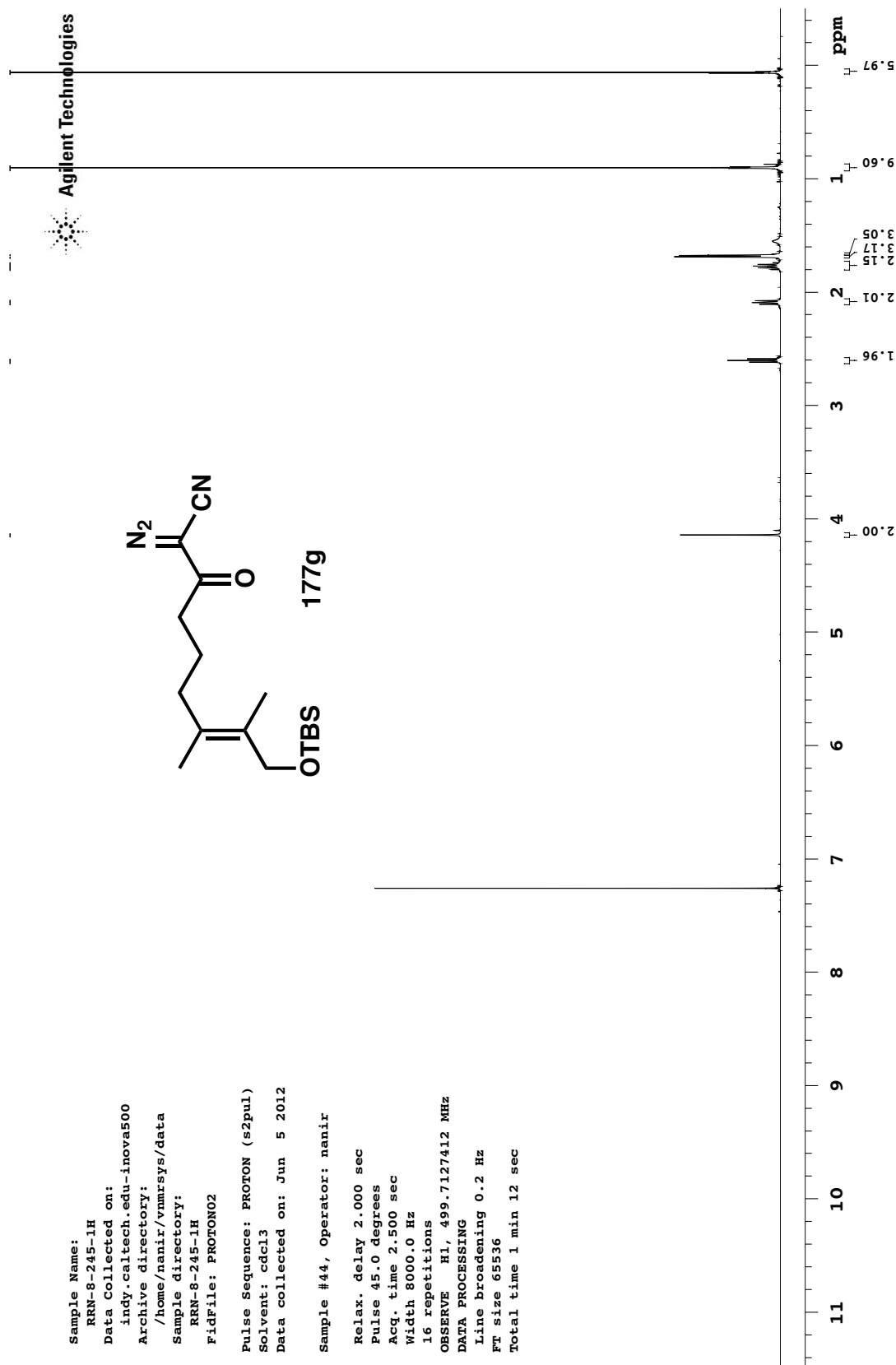
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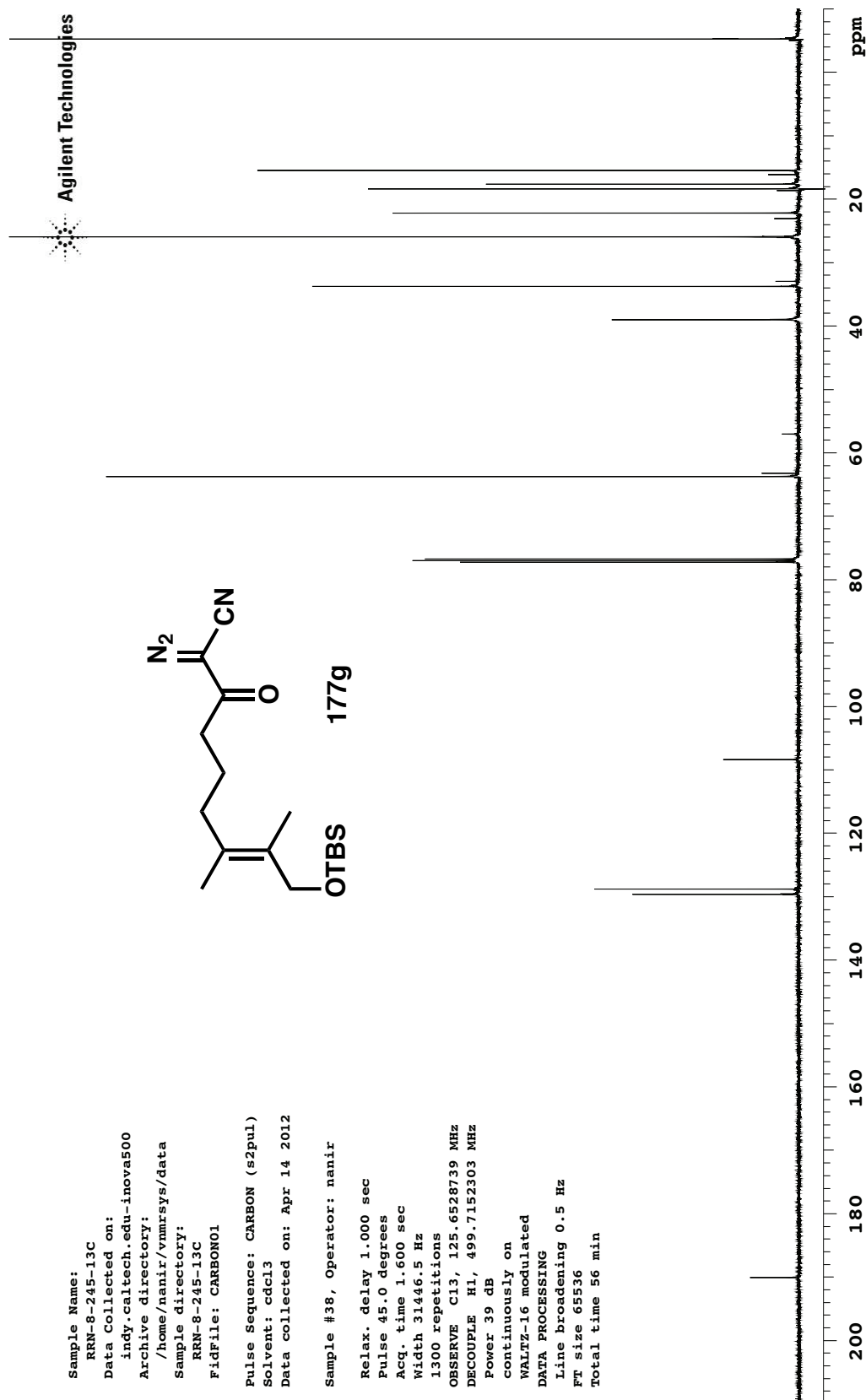
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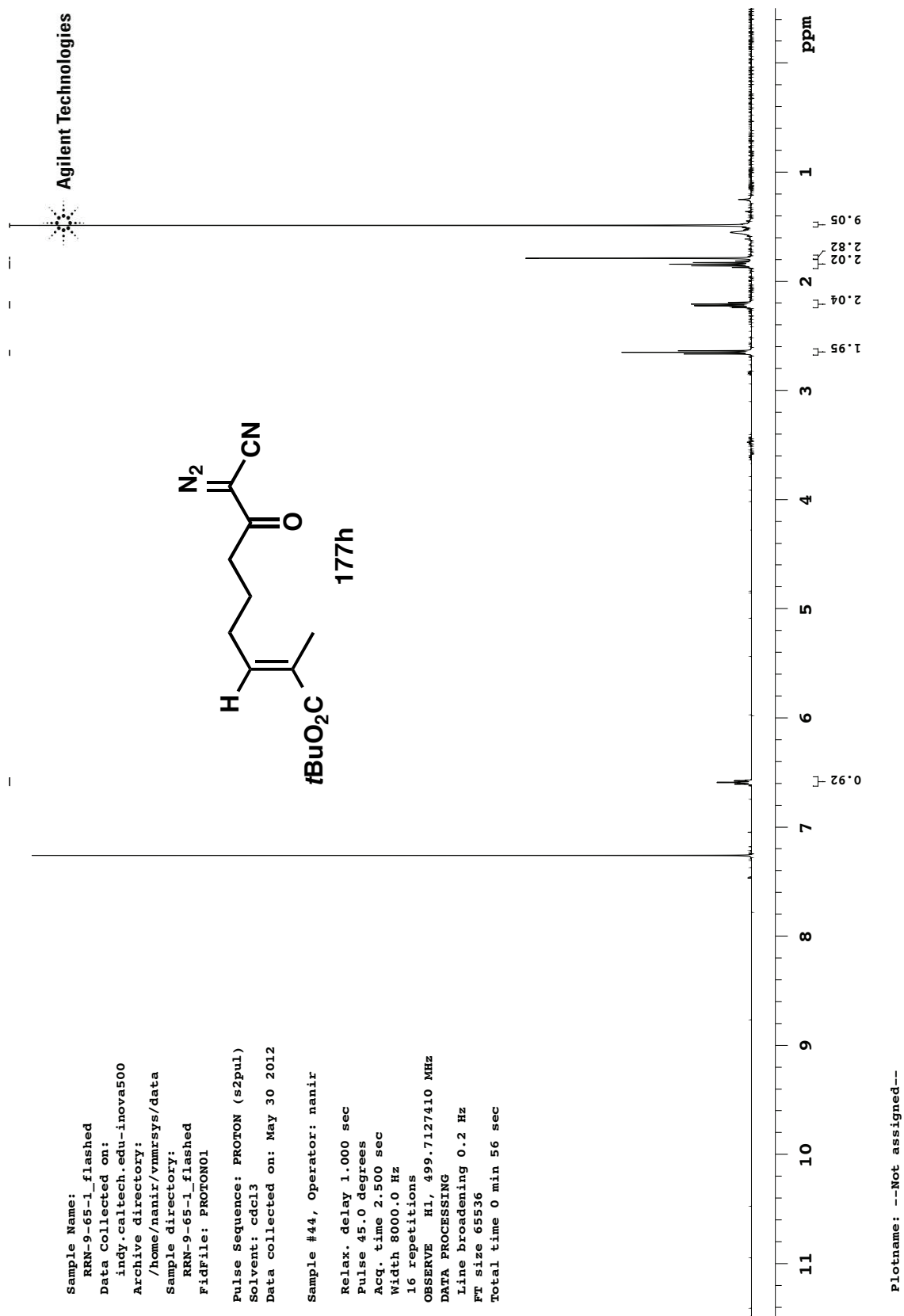


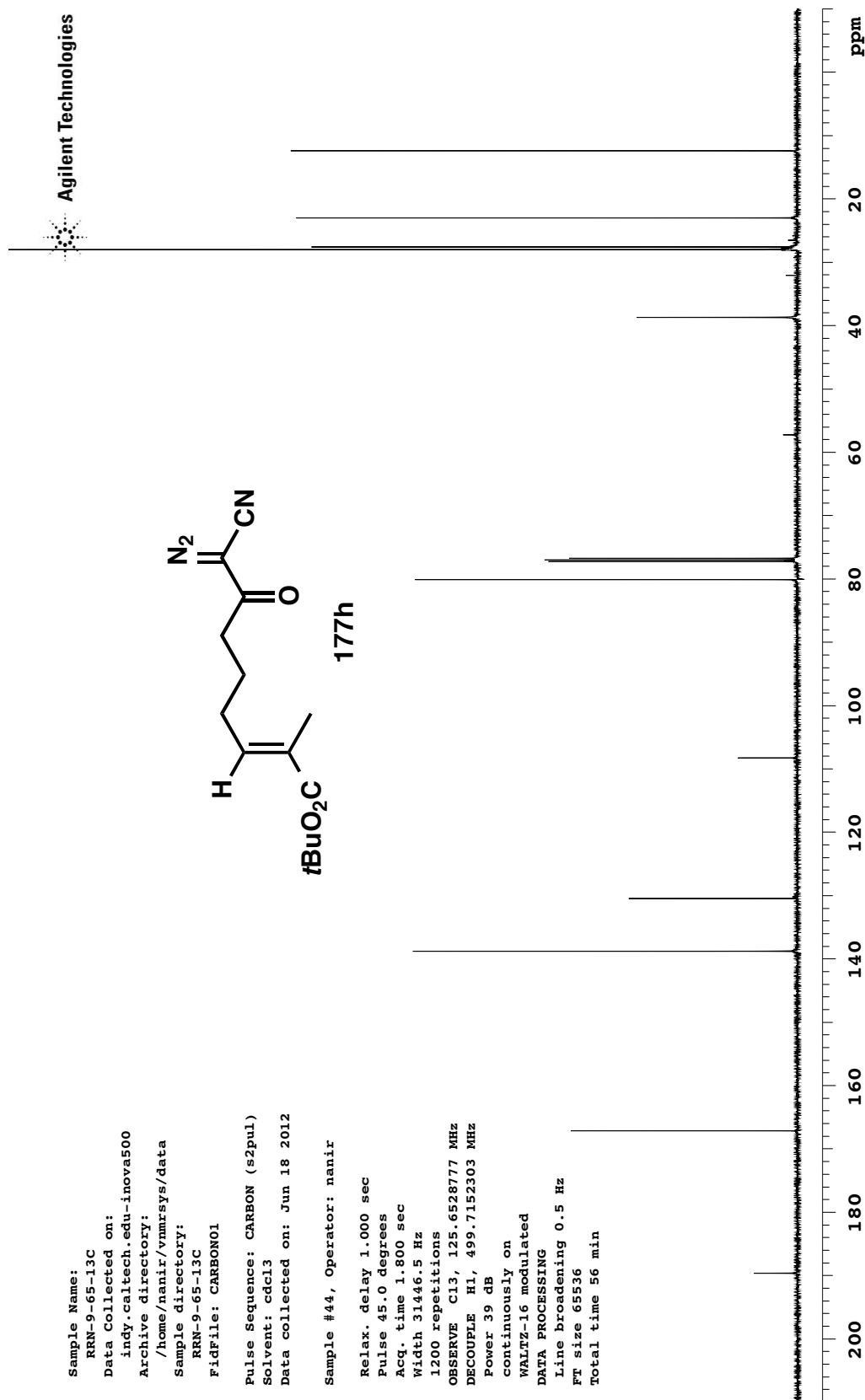


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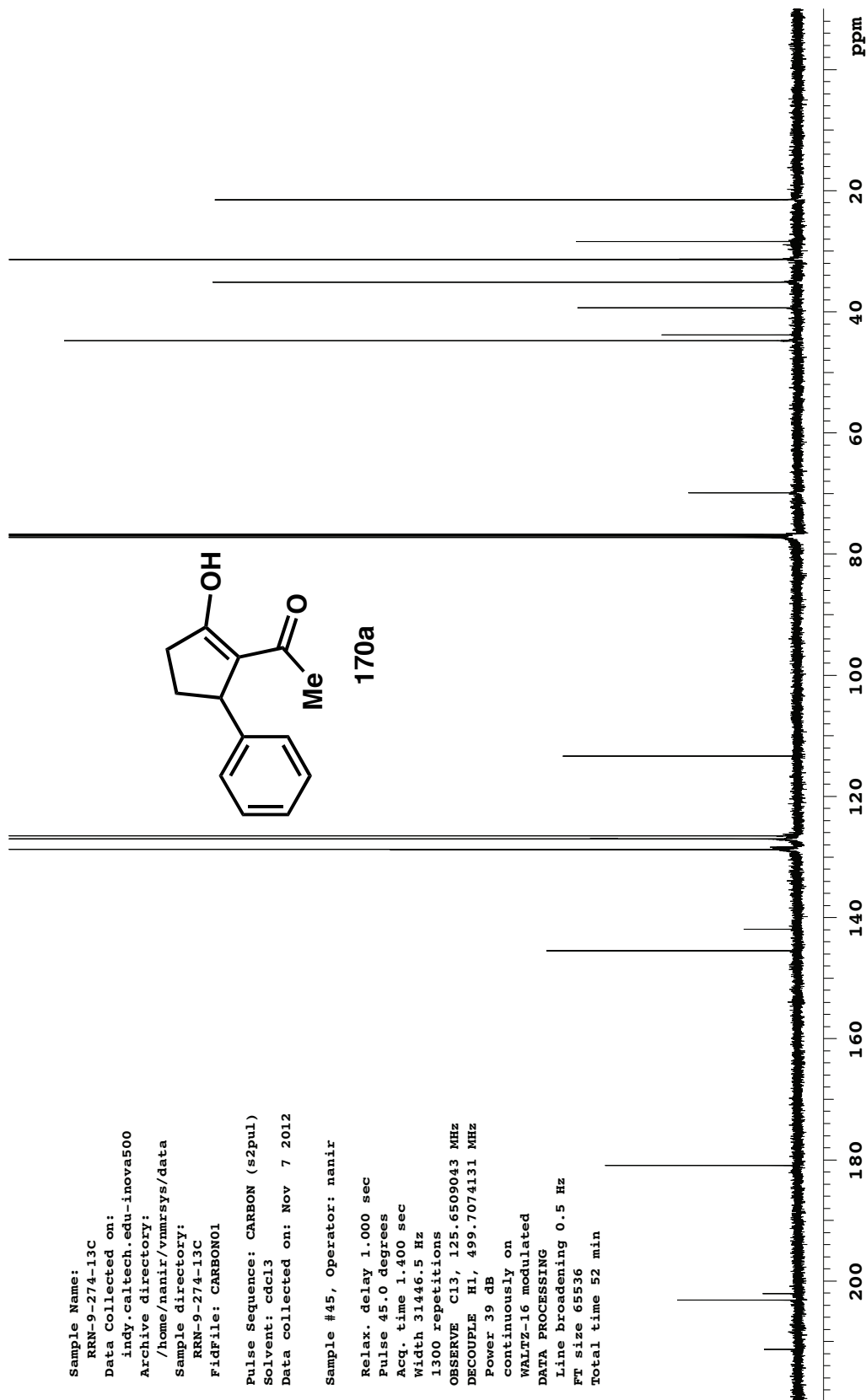




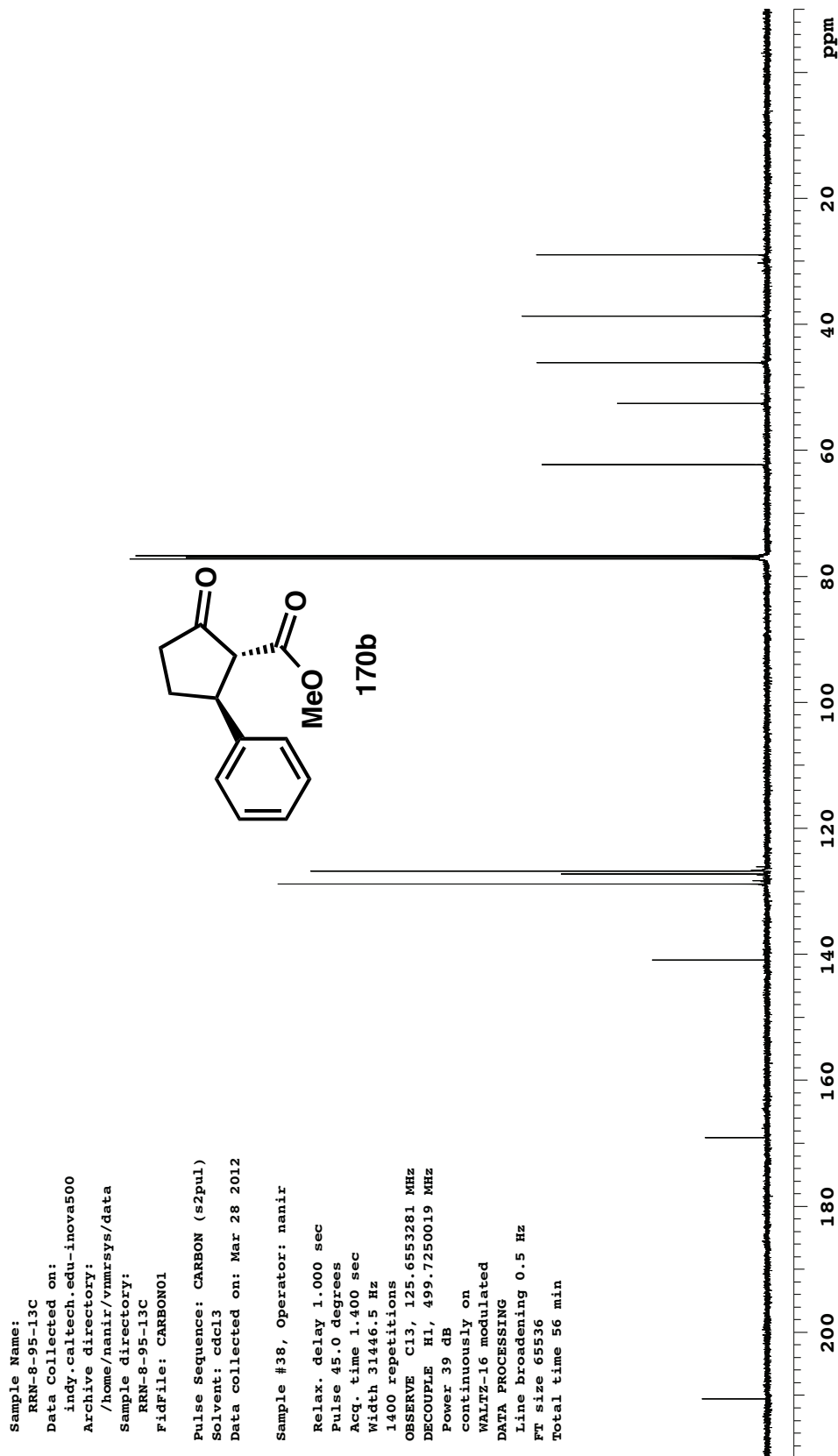


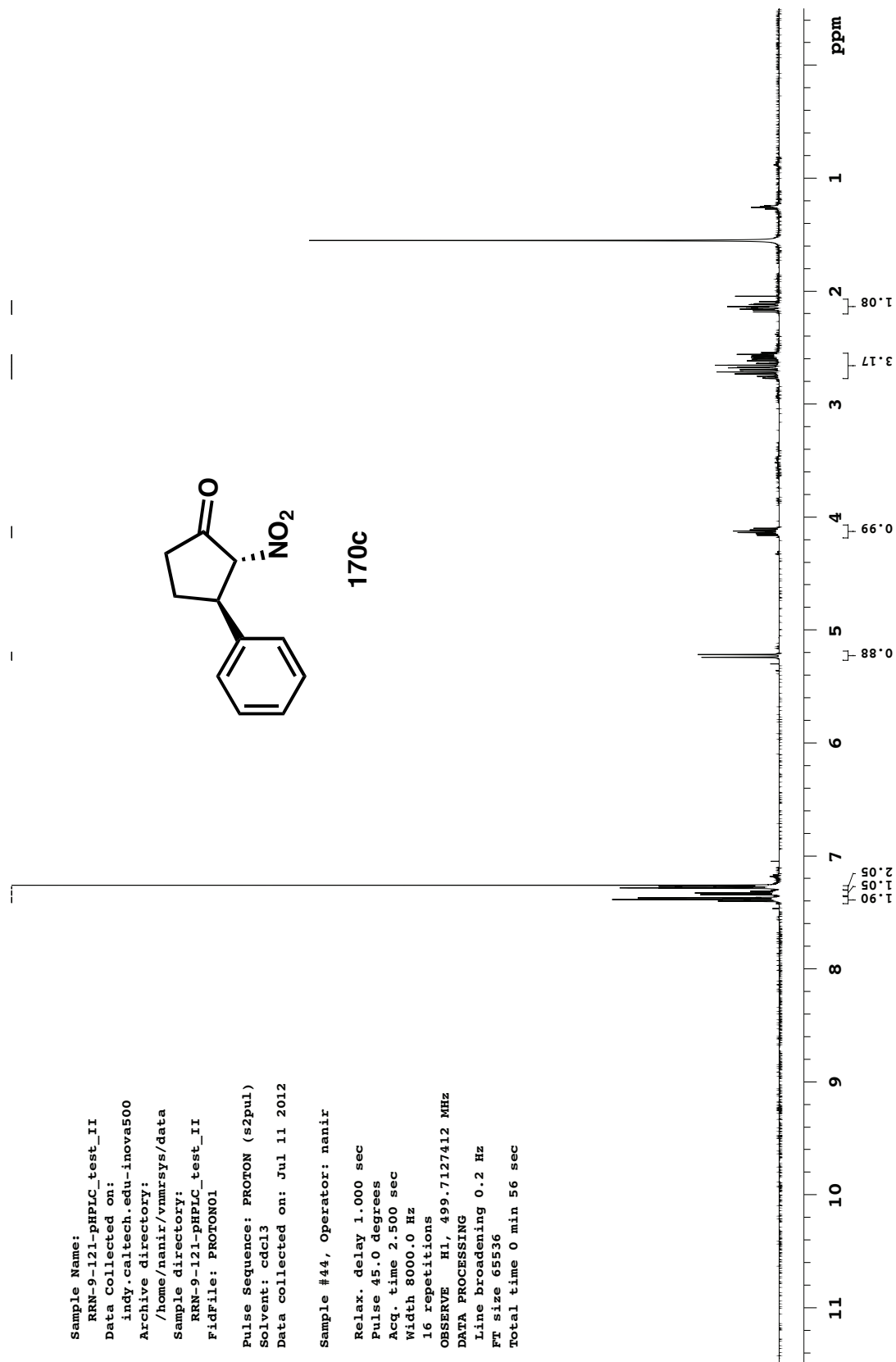


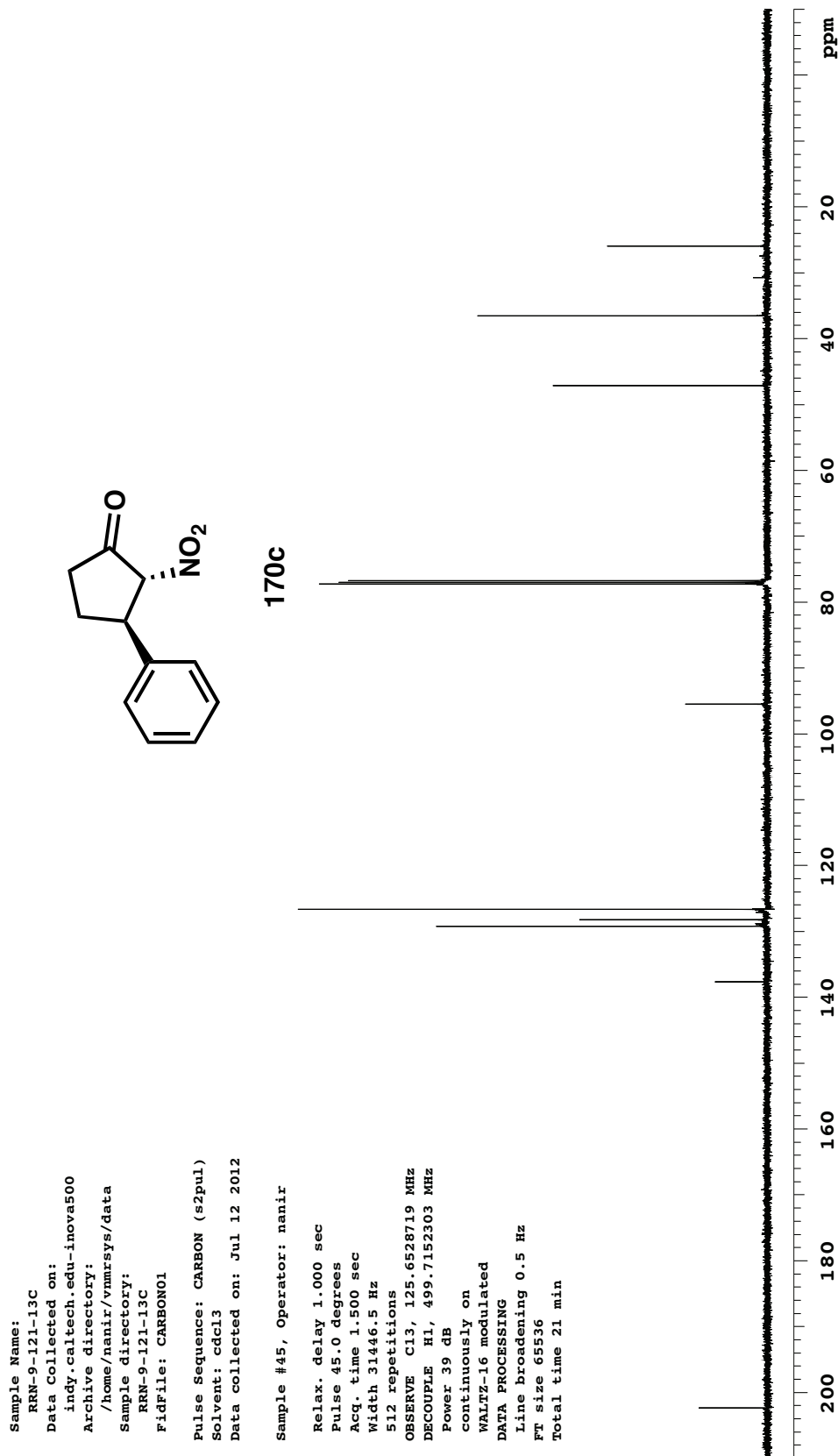




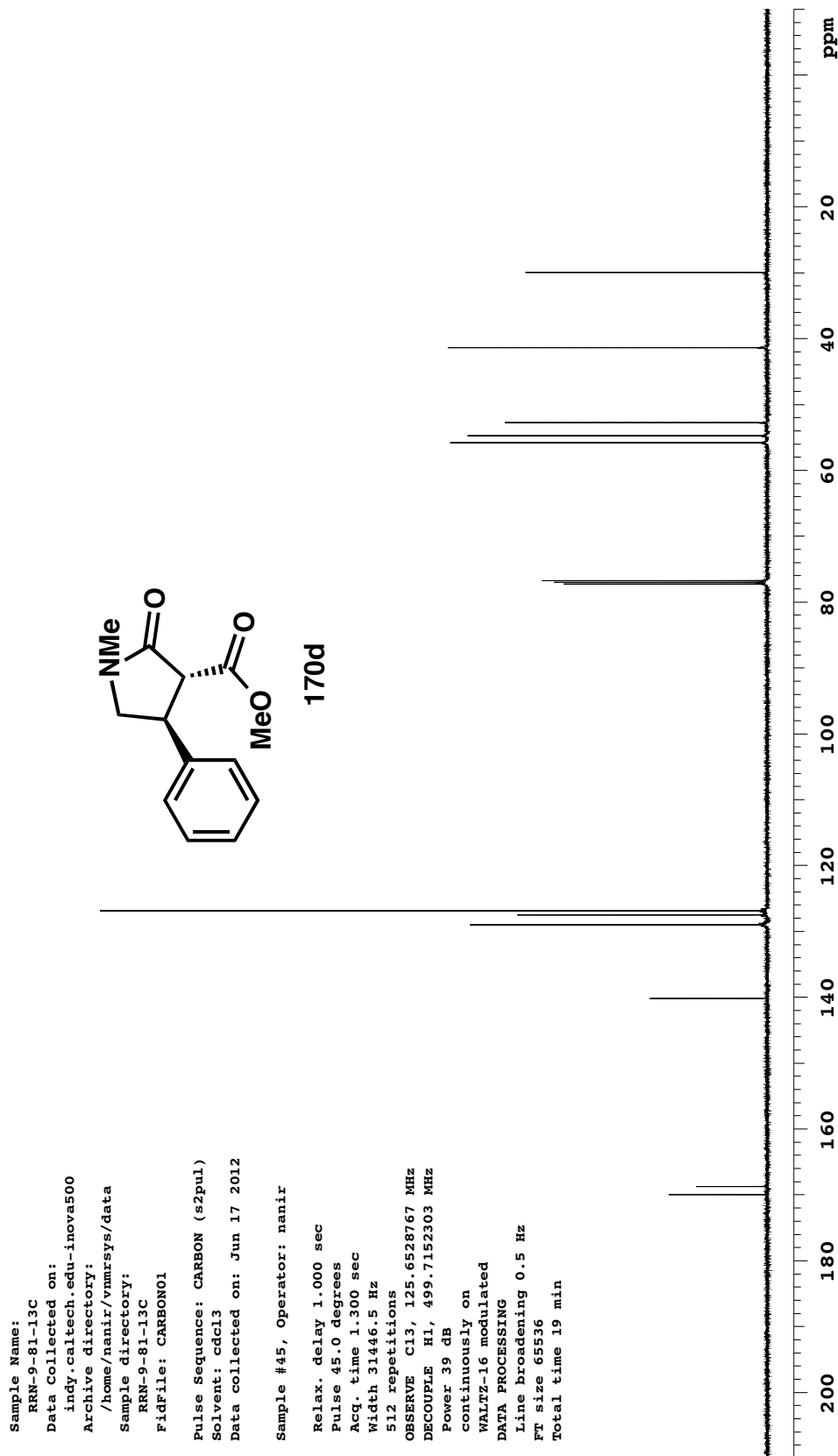


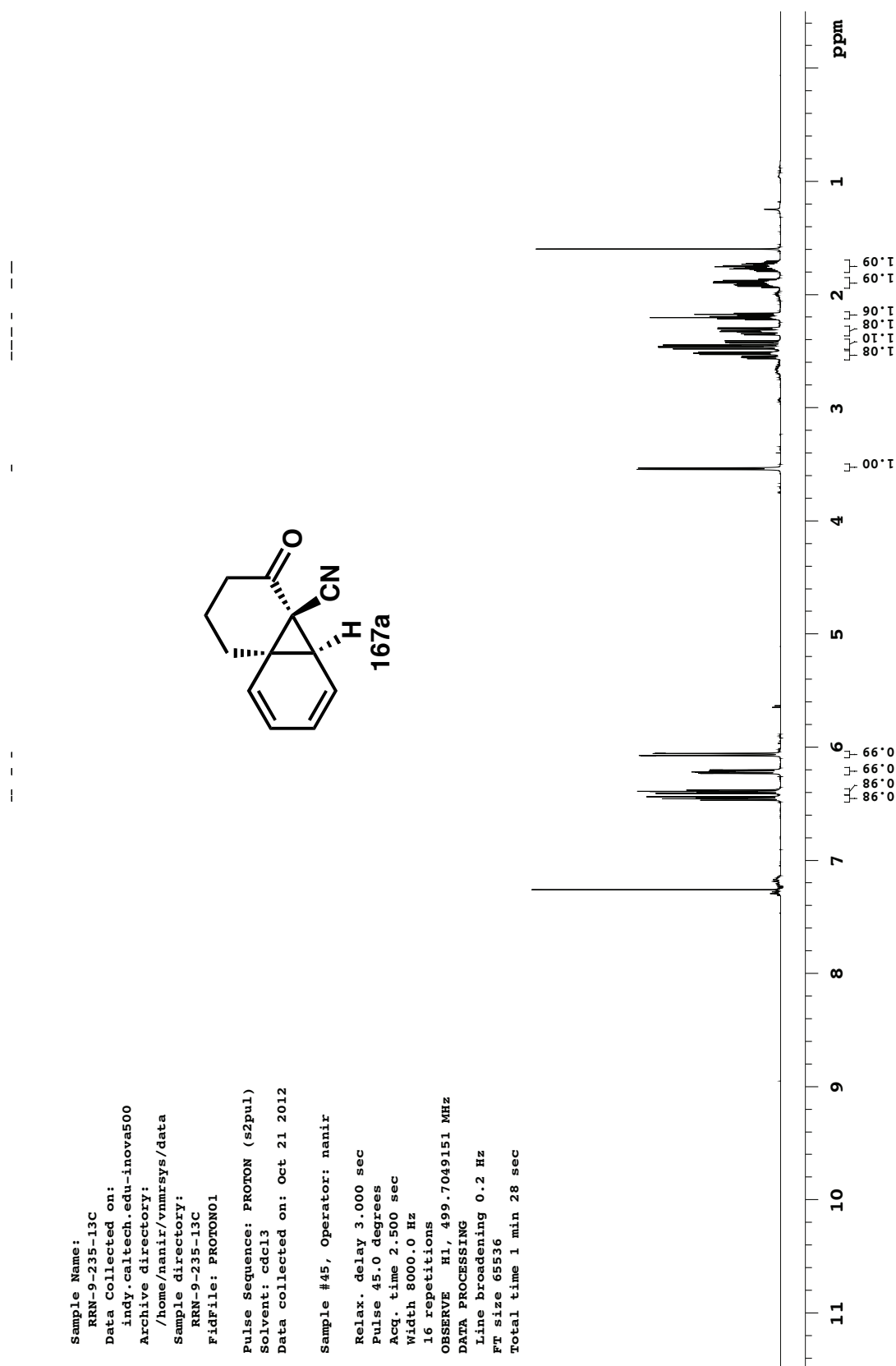


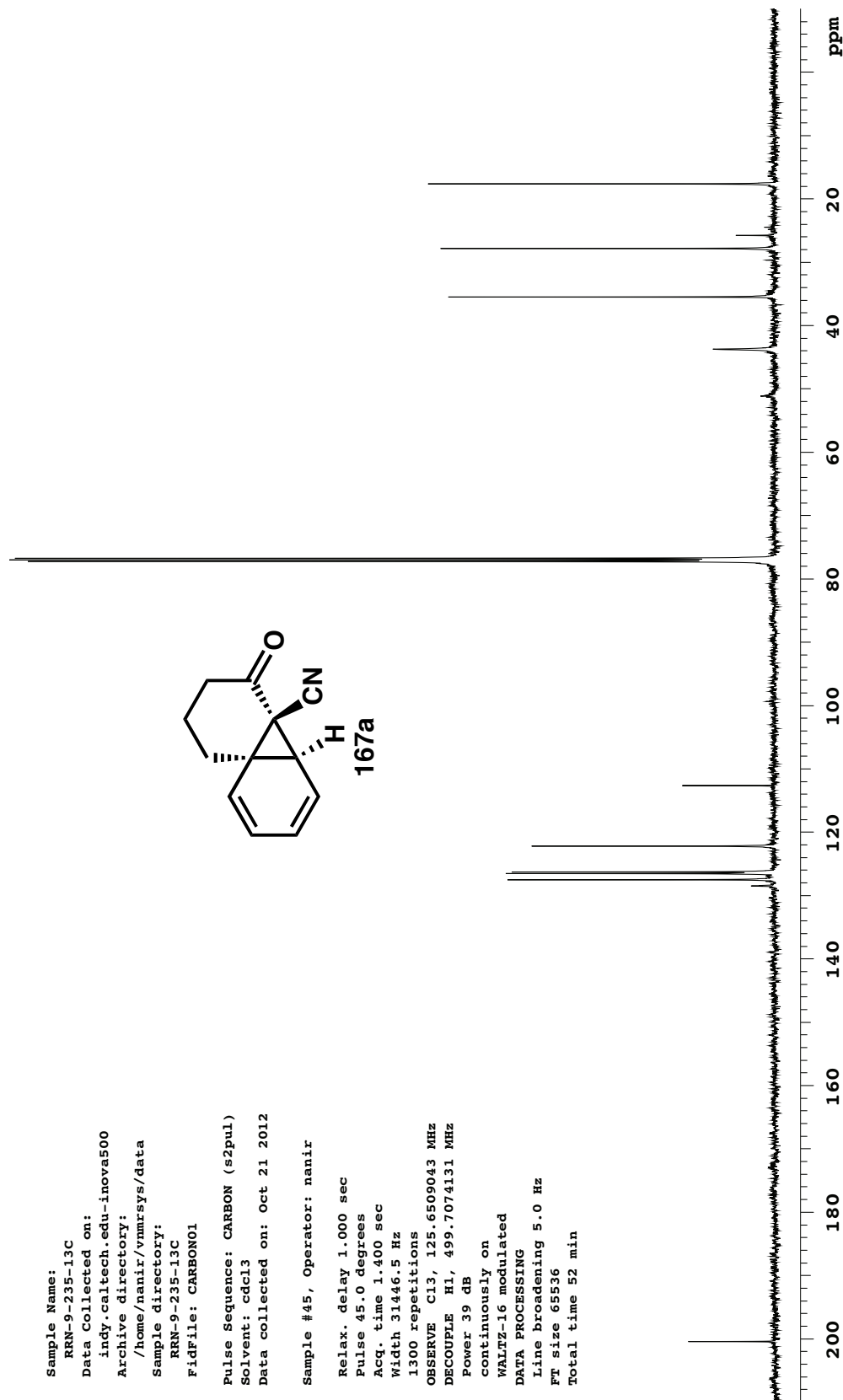


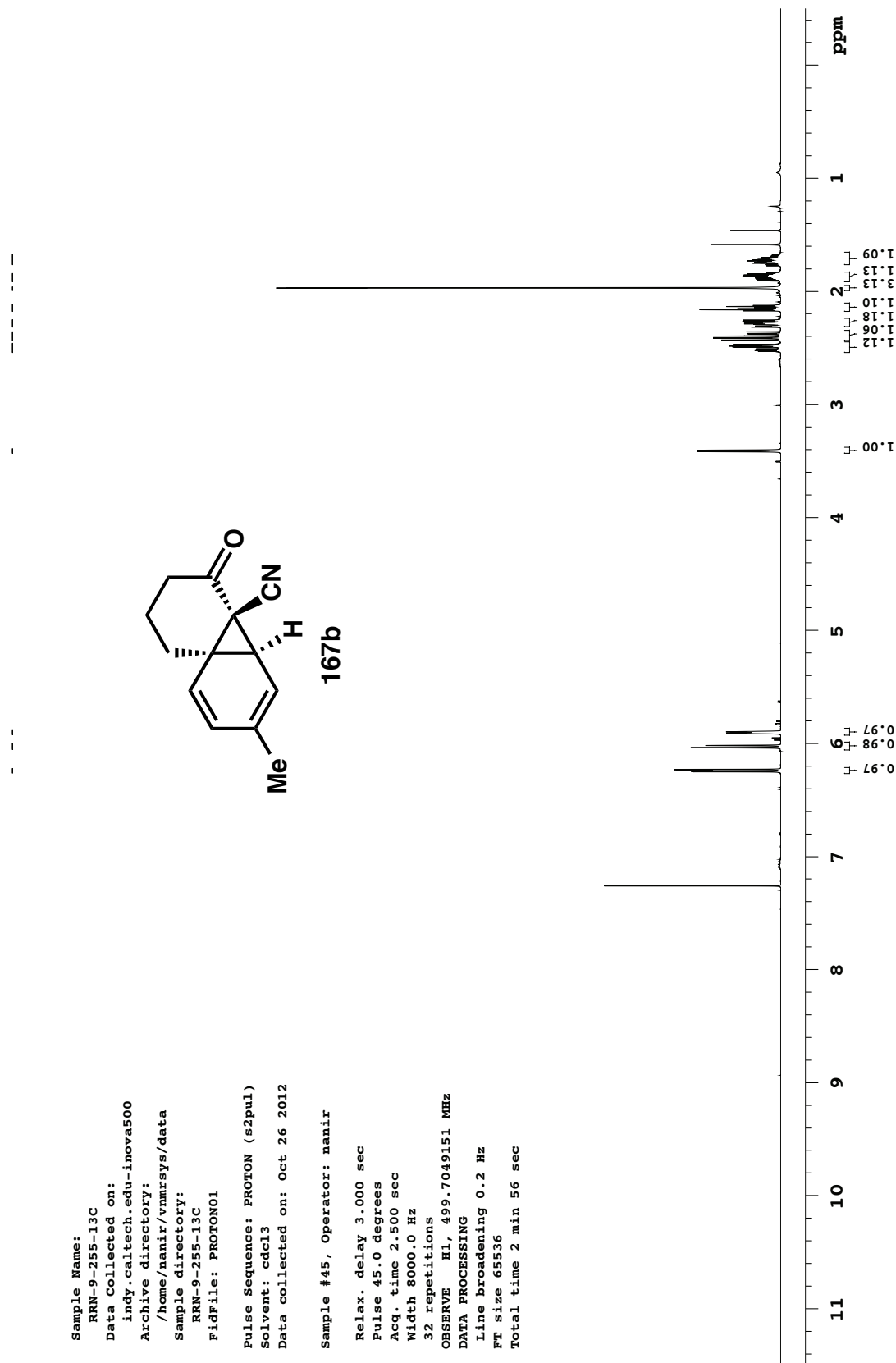


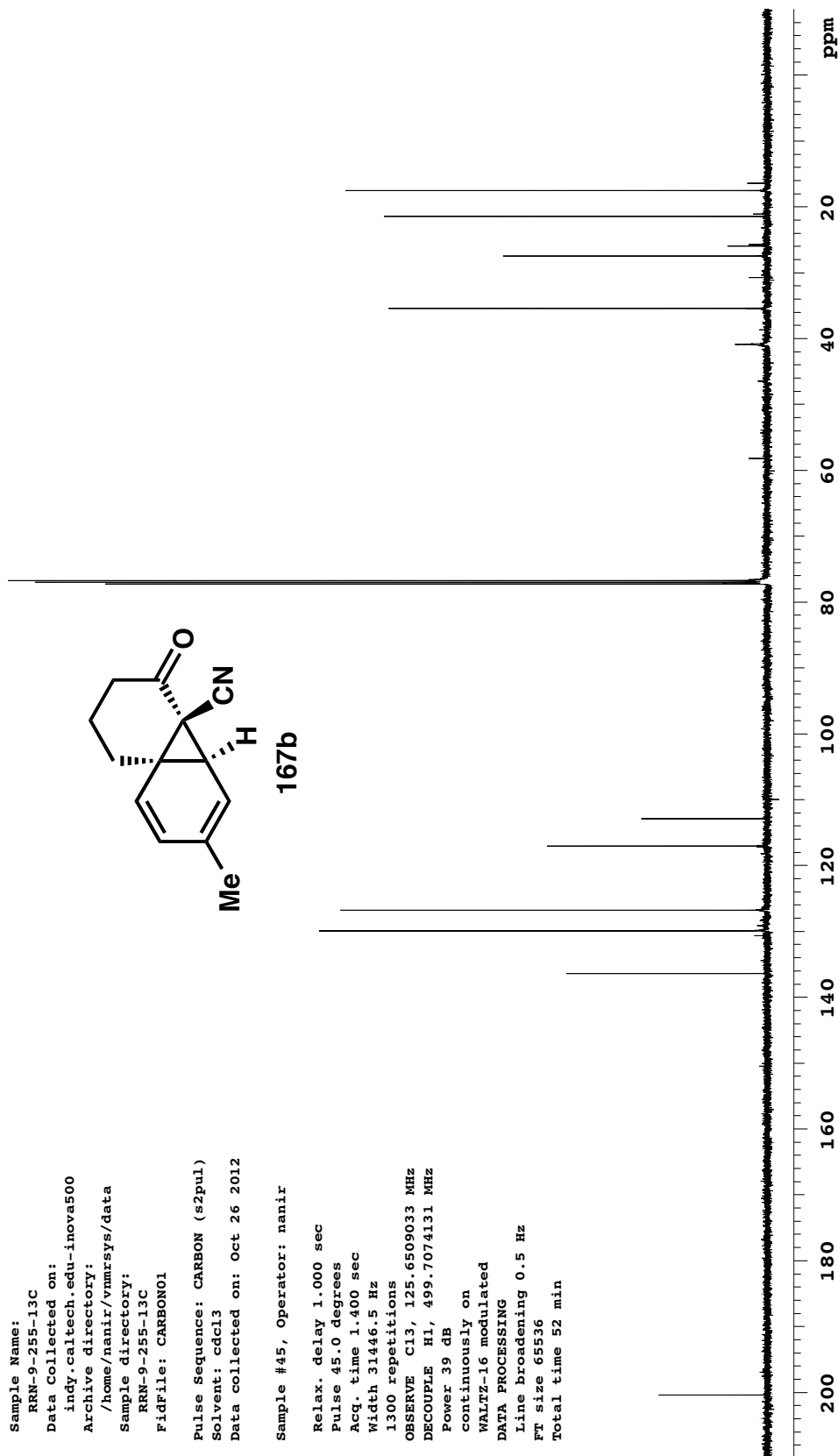


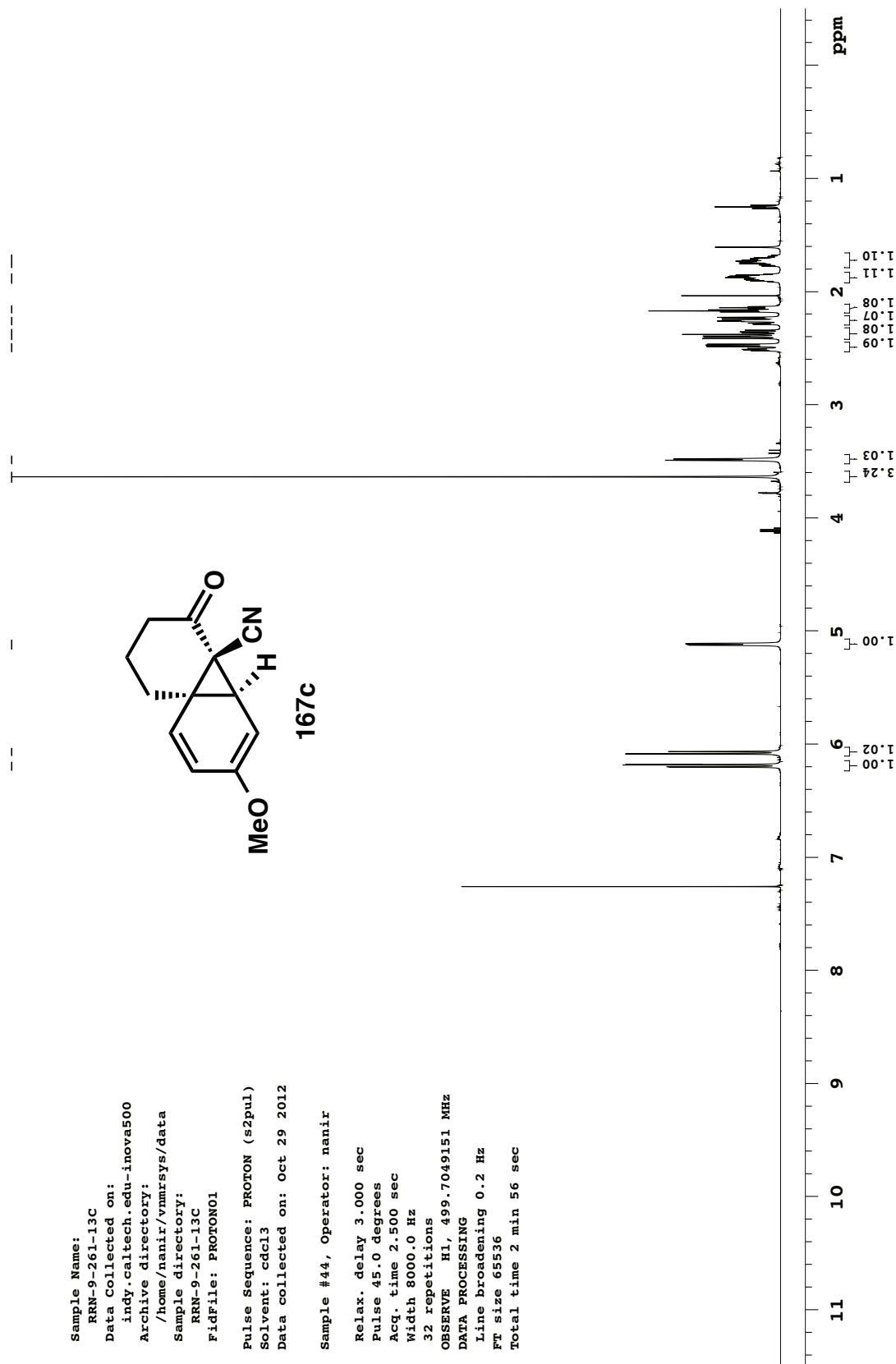


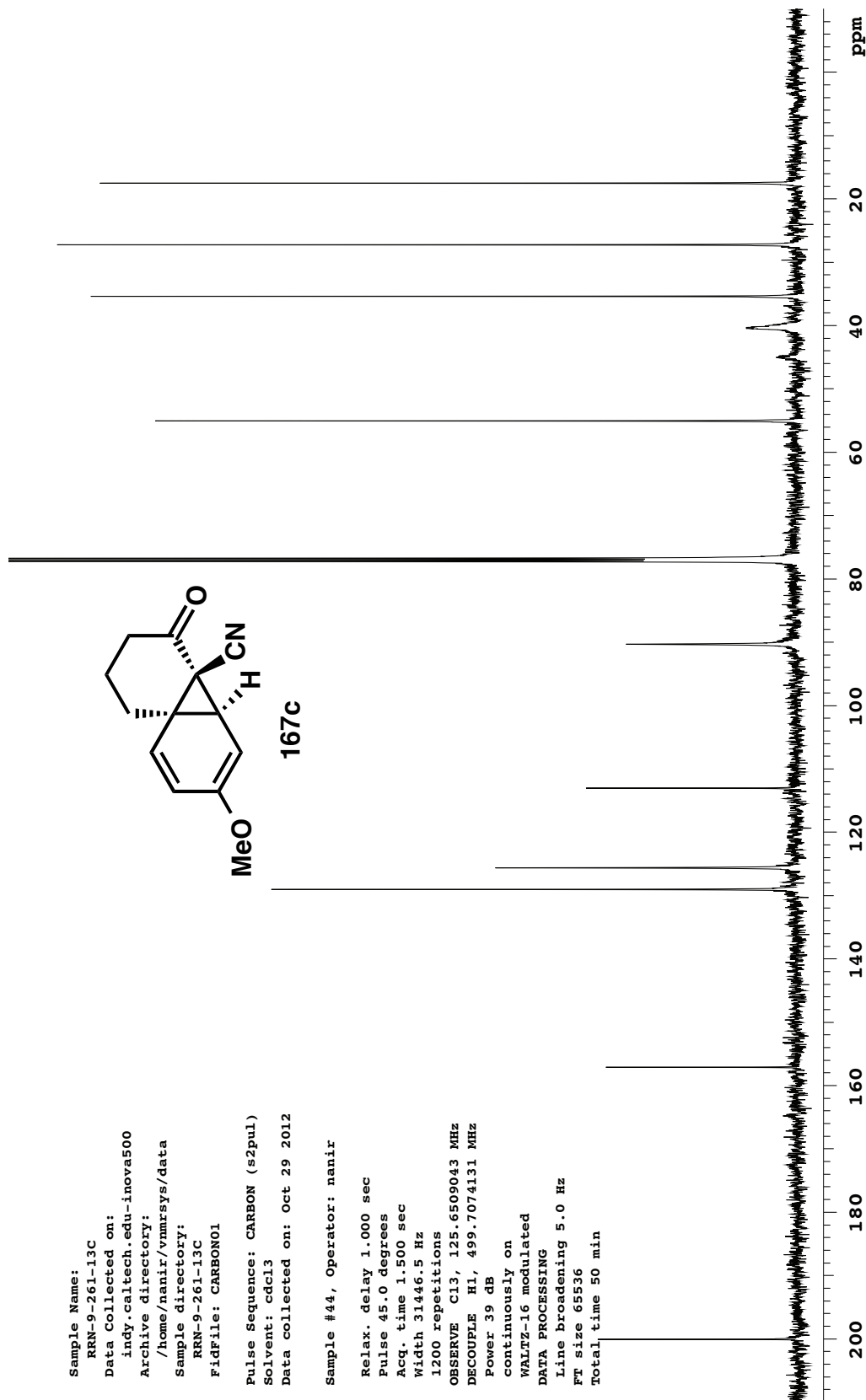


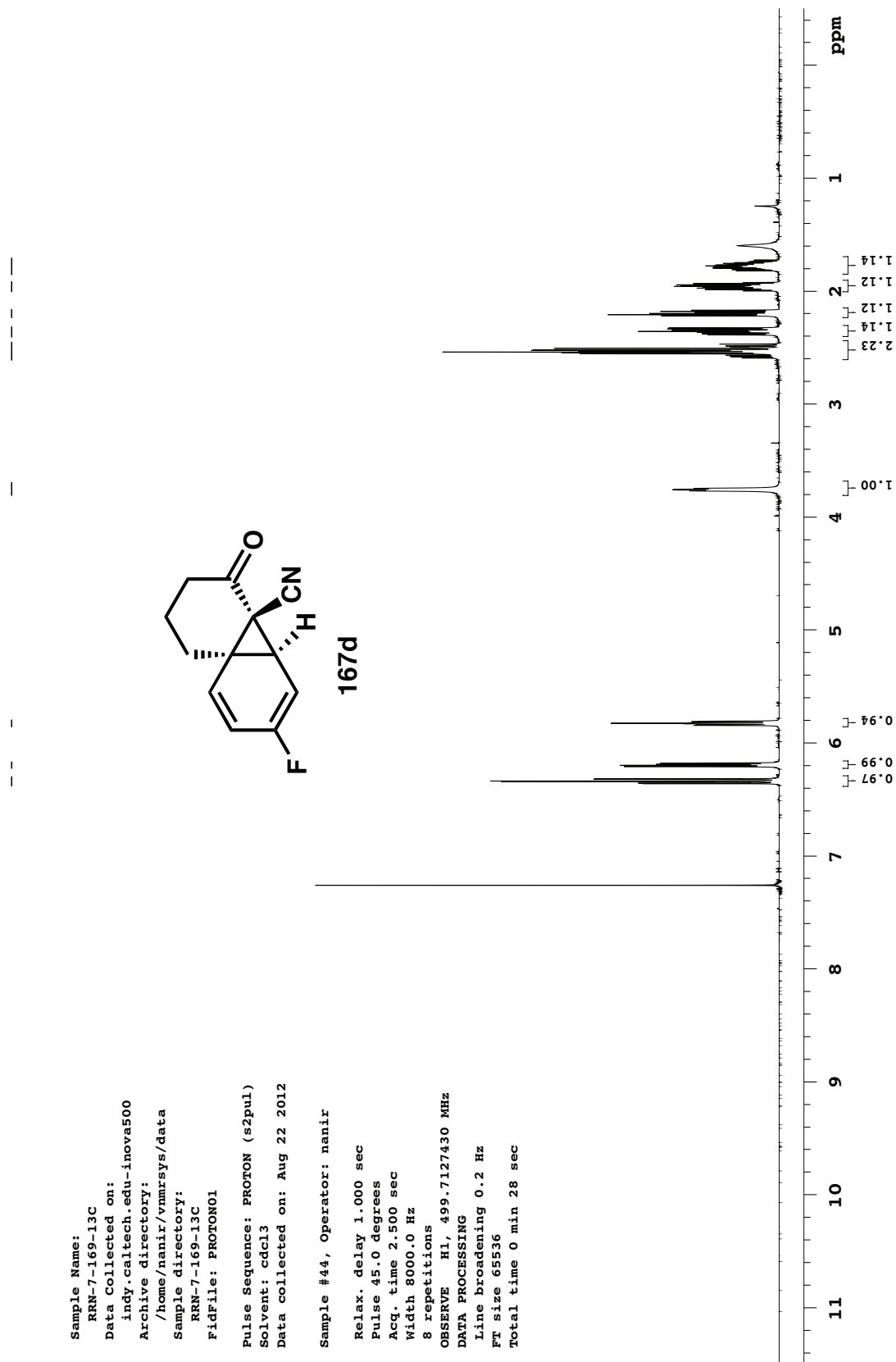


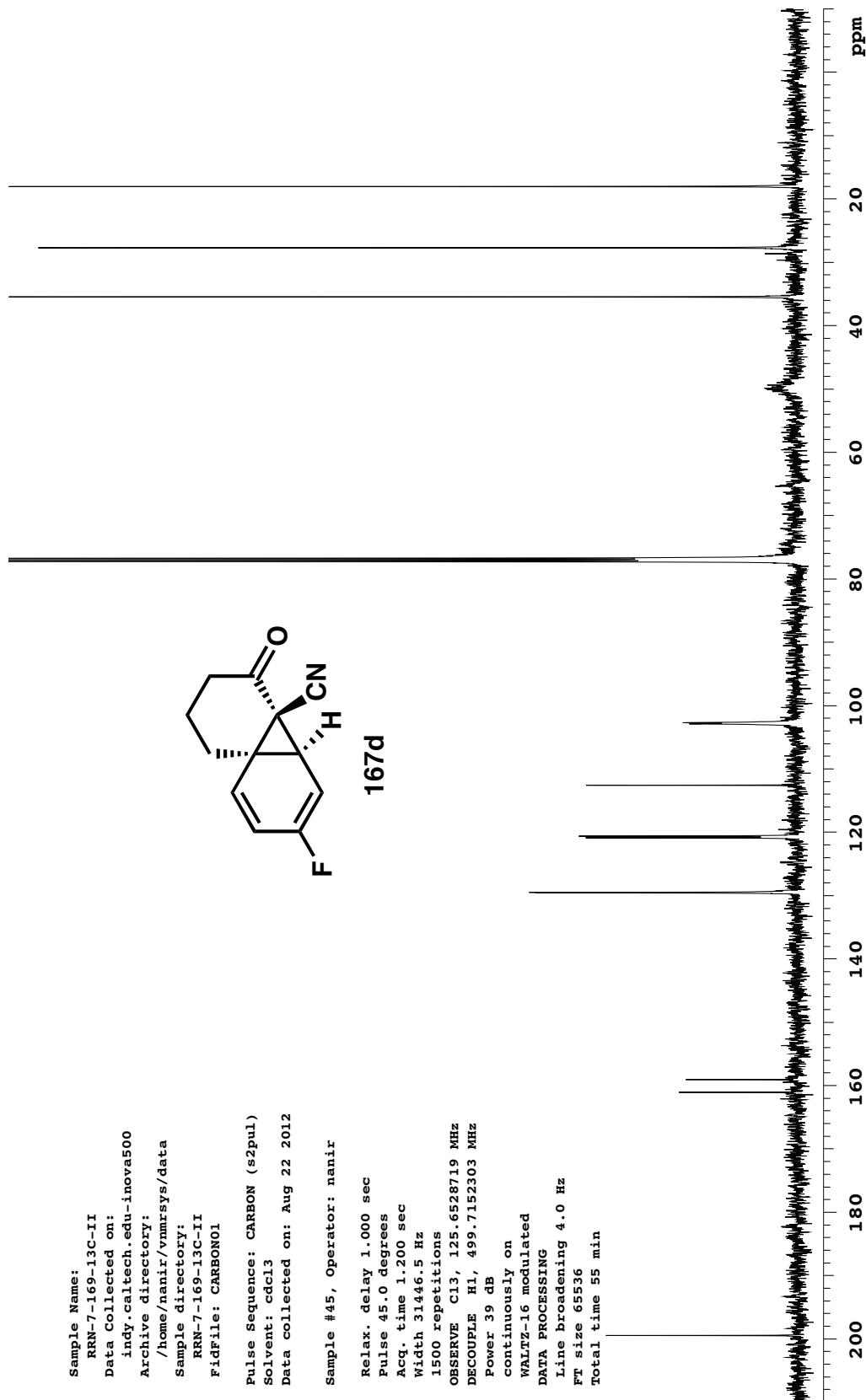






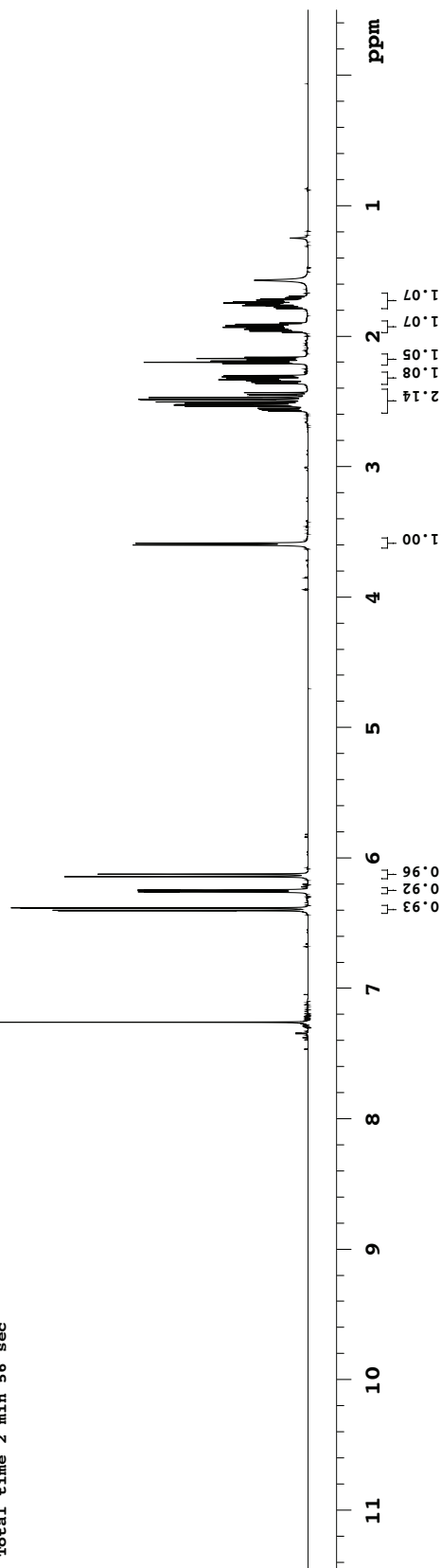
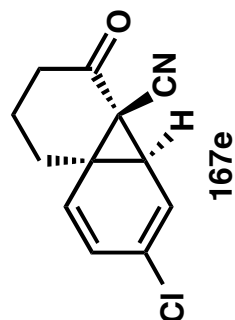






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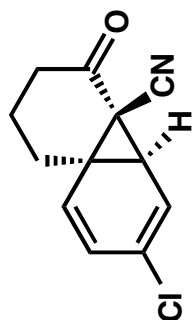
Sample Name:
RRN-8-207-Cl-rex
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inoVa500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-8-207-Cl-rex
FidFile: PROTON01
Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Mar 21 2012
Sample #31, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 3.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
32 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7225125 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 2 min 56 sec



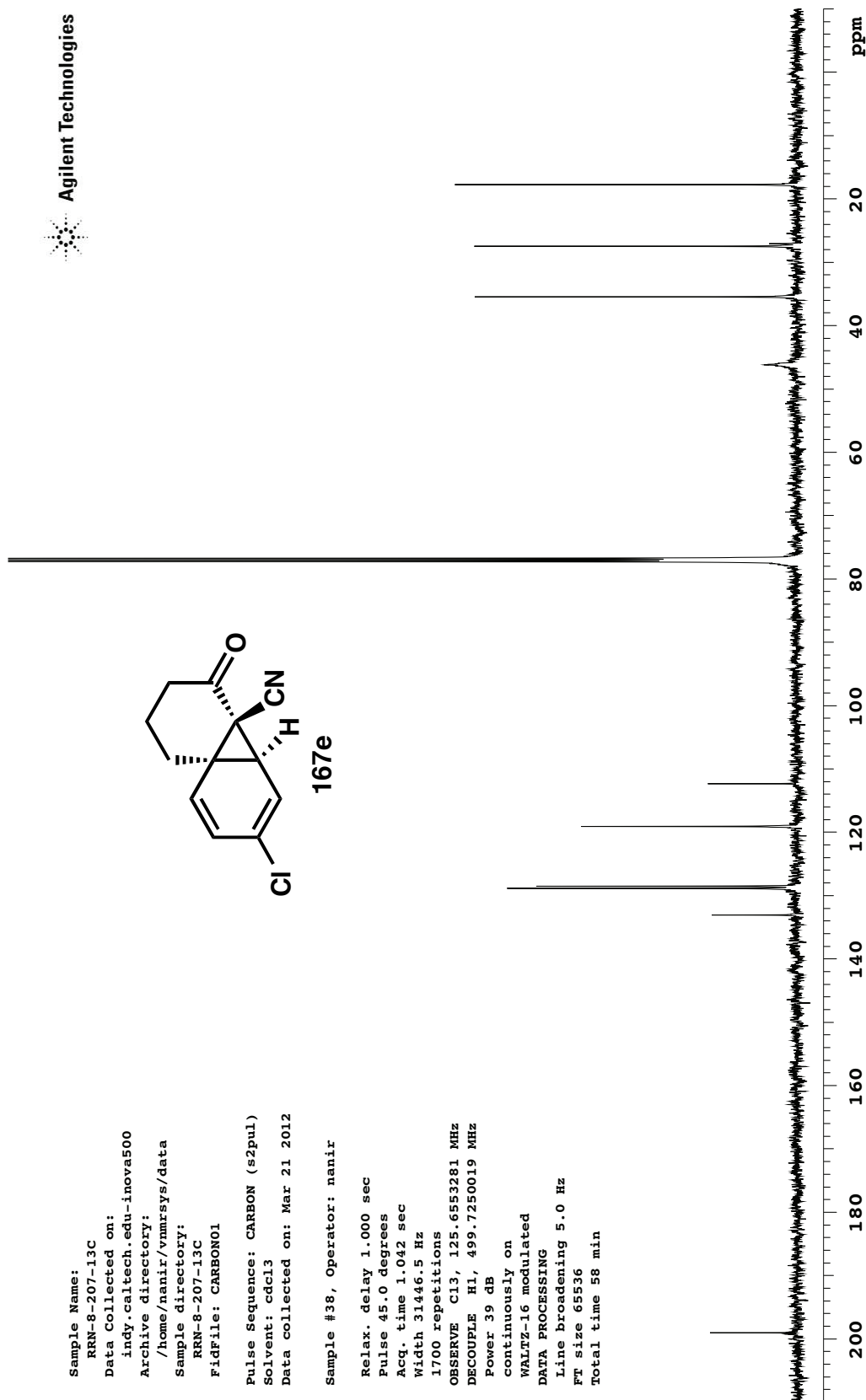
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Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inoVa500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-8-207-13C
FidFile: CARBON01
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Mar 21 2012
Sample #38, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
1700 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6553281 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7250019 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 5.0 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 58 min



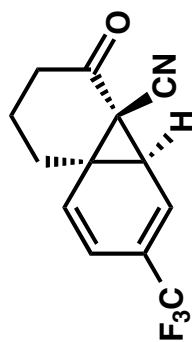
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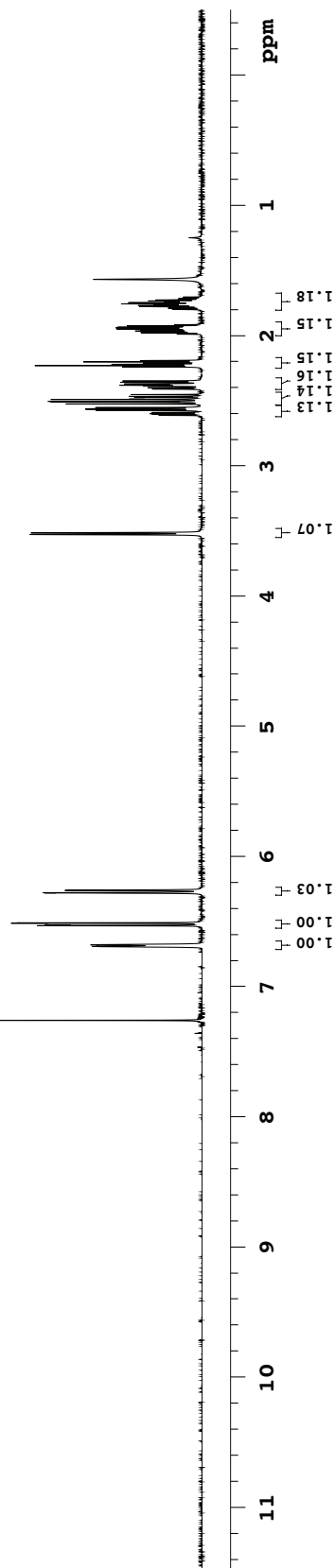
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Sample Name:
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Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-8-211-retest_1H
FidFile: PROTON01
Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Mar 21 2012
Sample #45, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
8 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7225125 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 0 min 28 sec



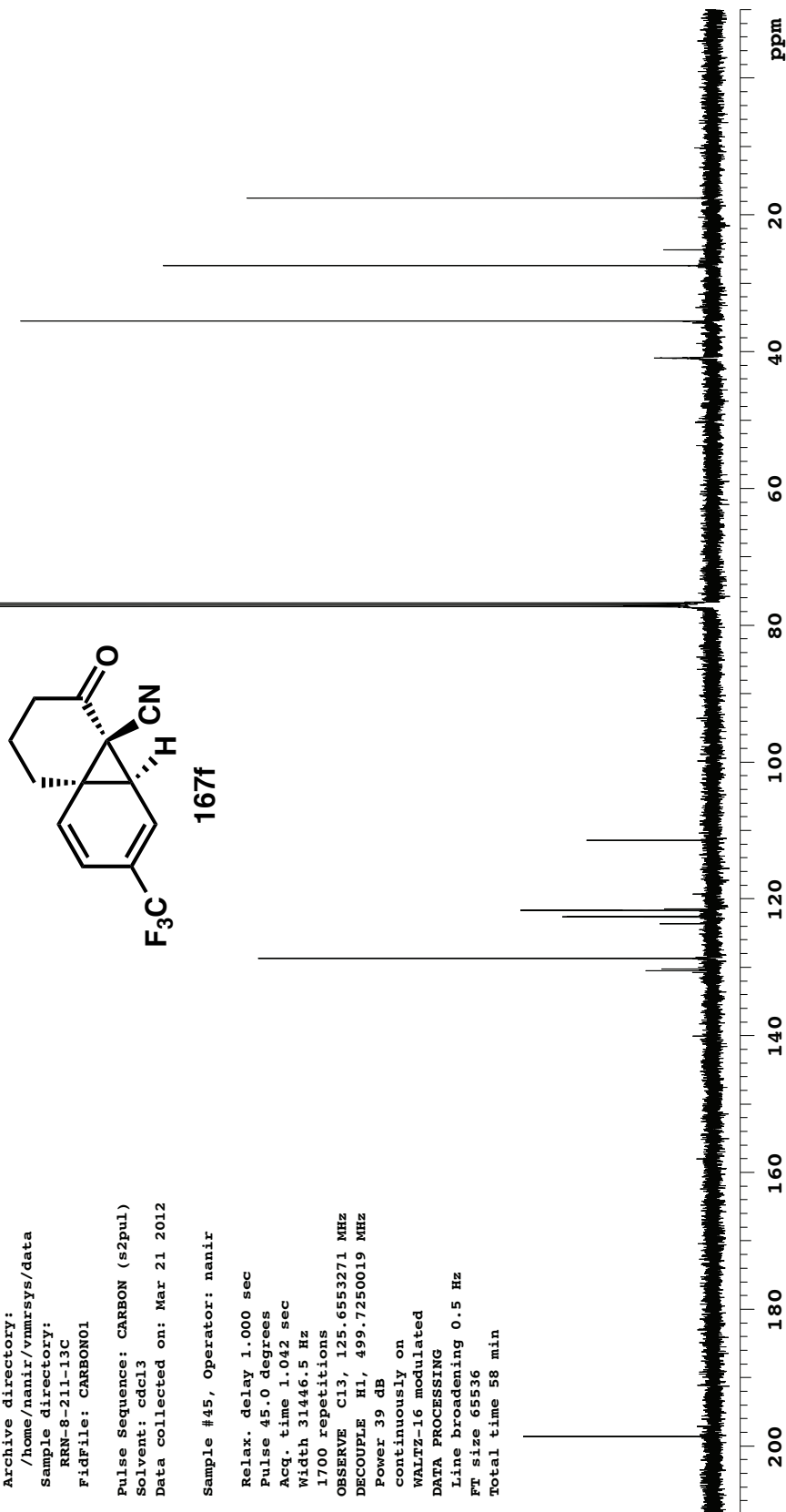
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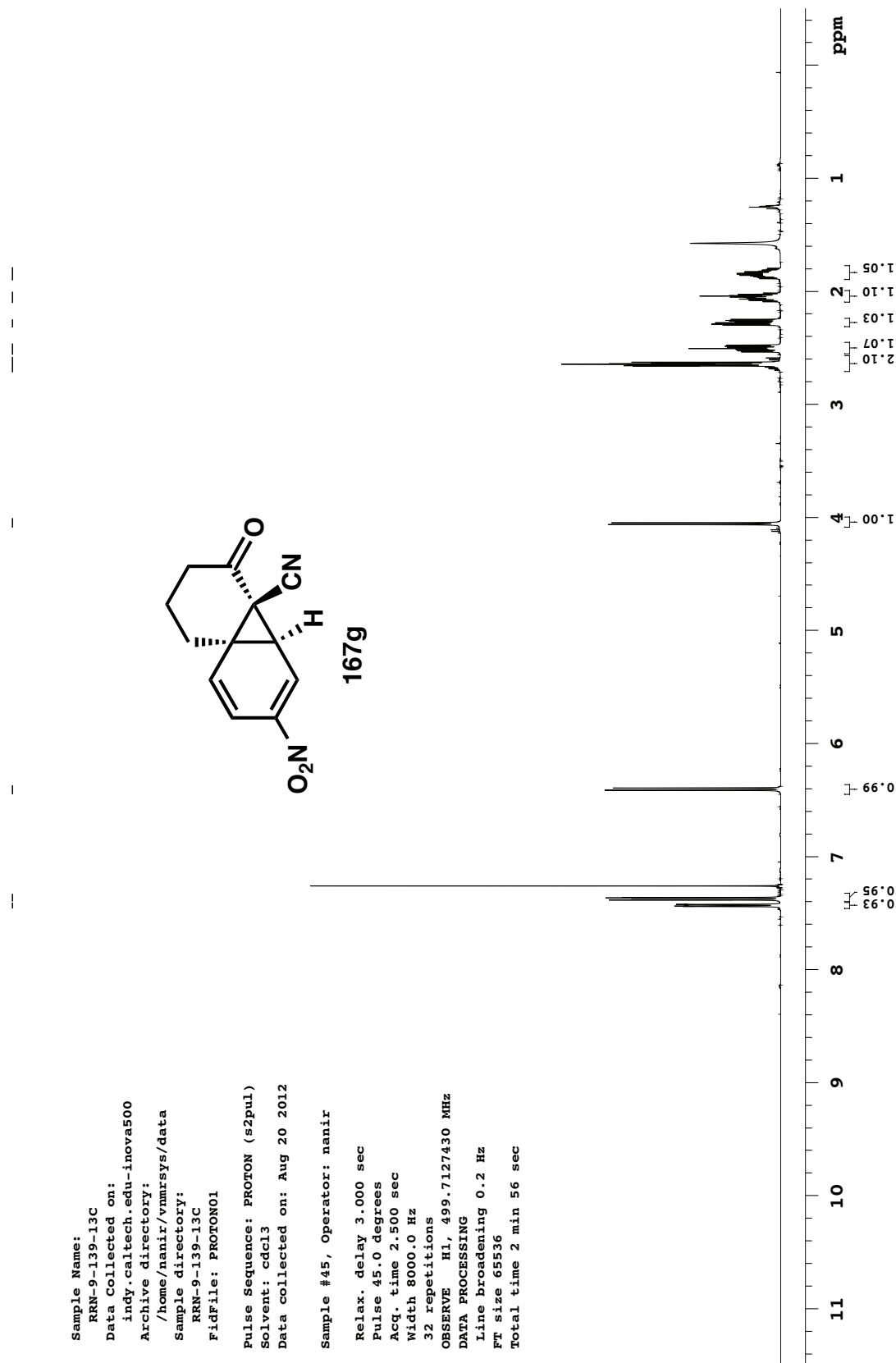
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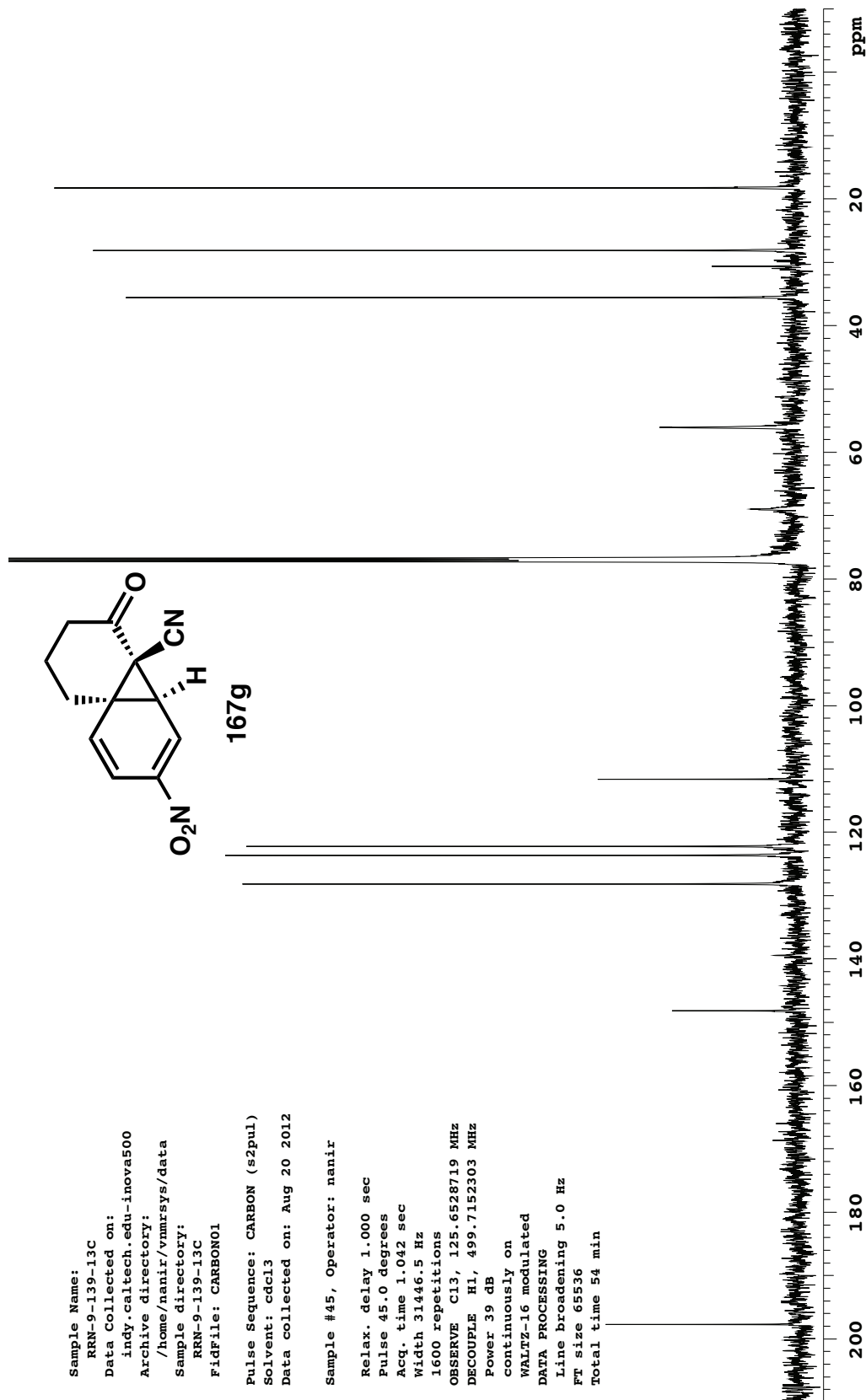


Sample Name:
RRN-8-211-13C
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-8-211-13C
FidFile: CARBON01
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Mar 21 2012
Sample #45, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
1700 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6553271 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7250019 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 58 min

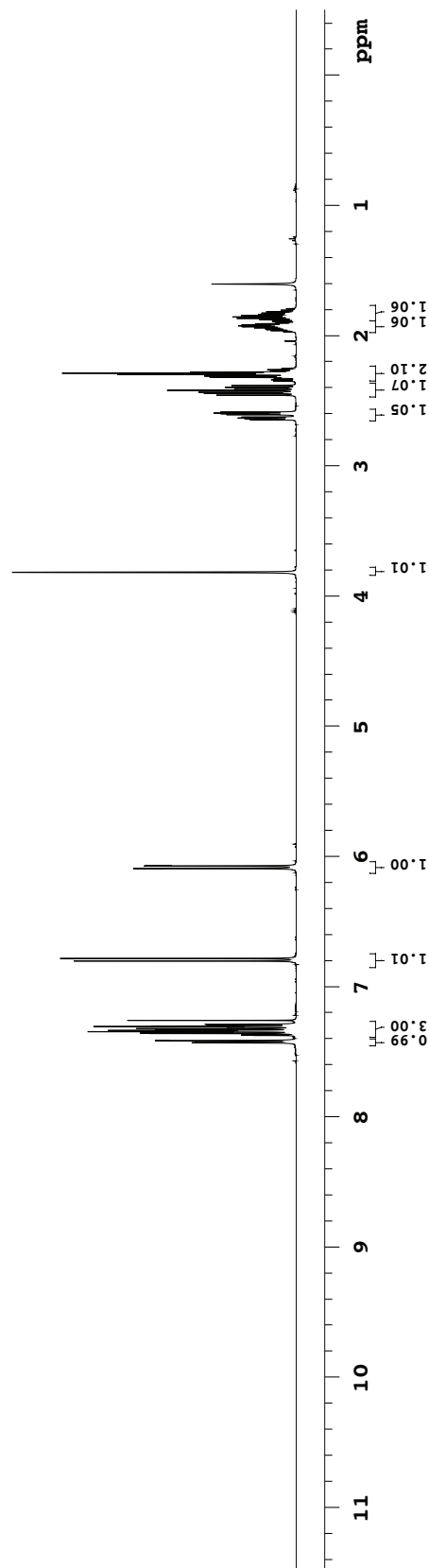
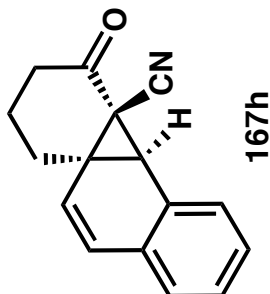


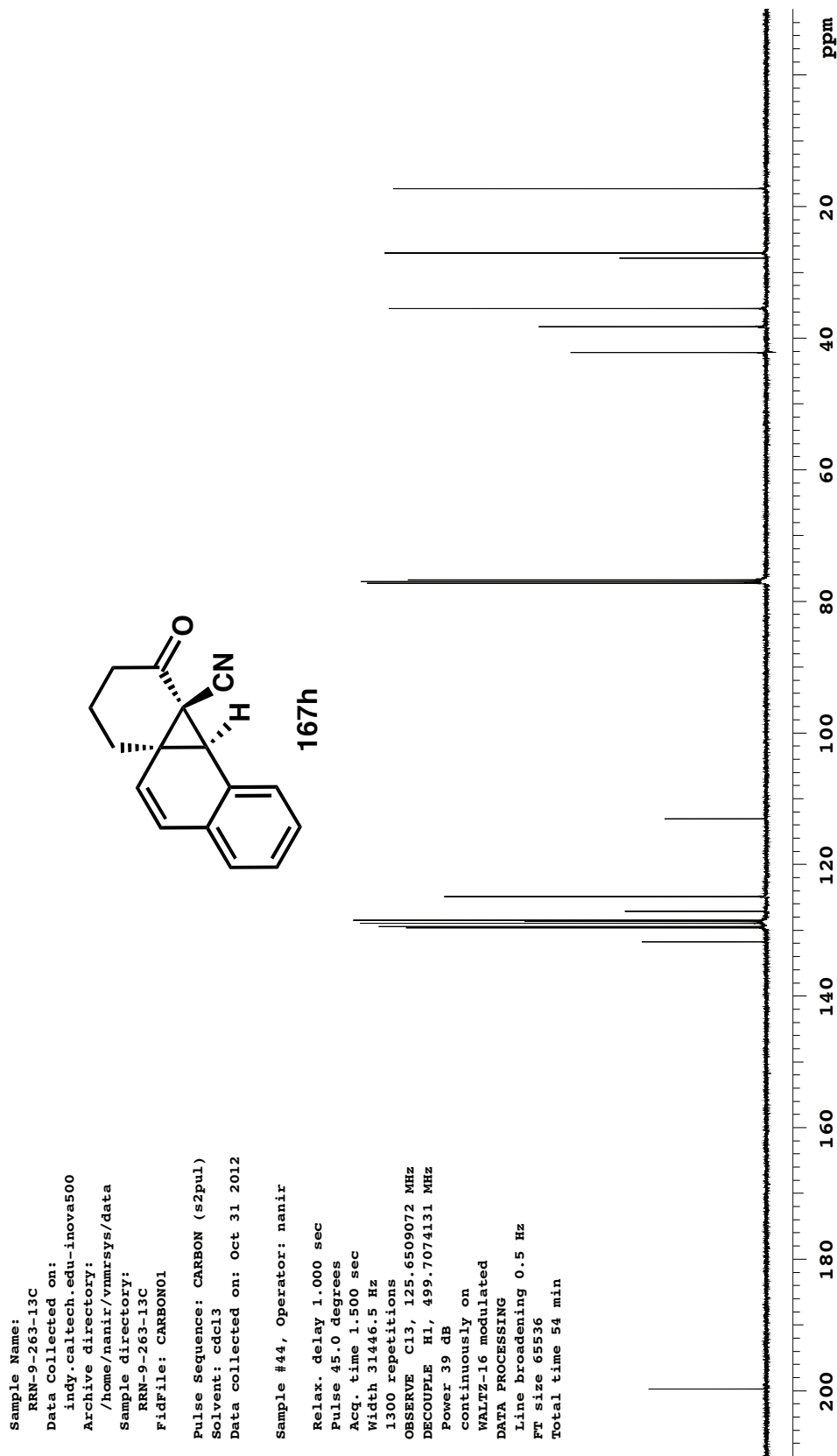
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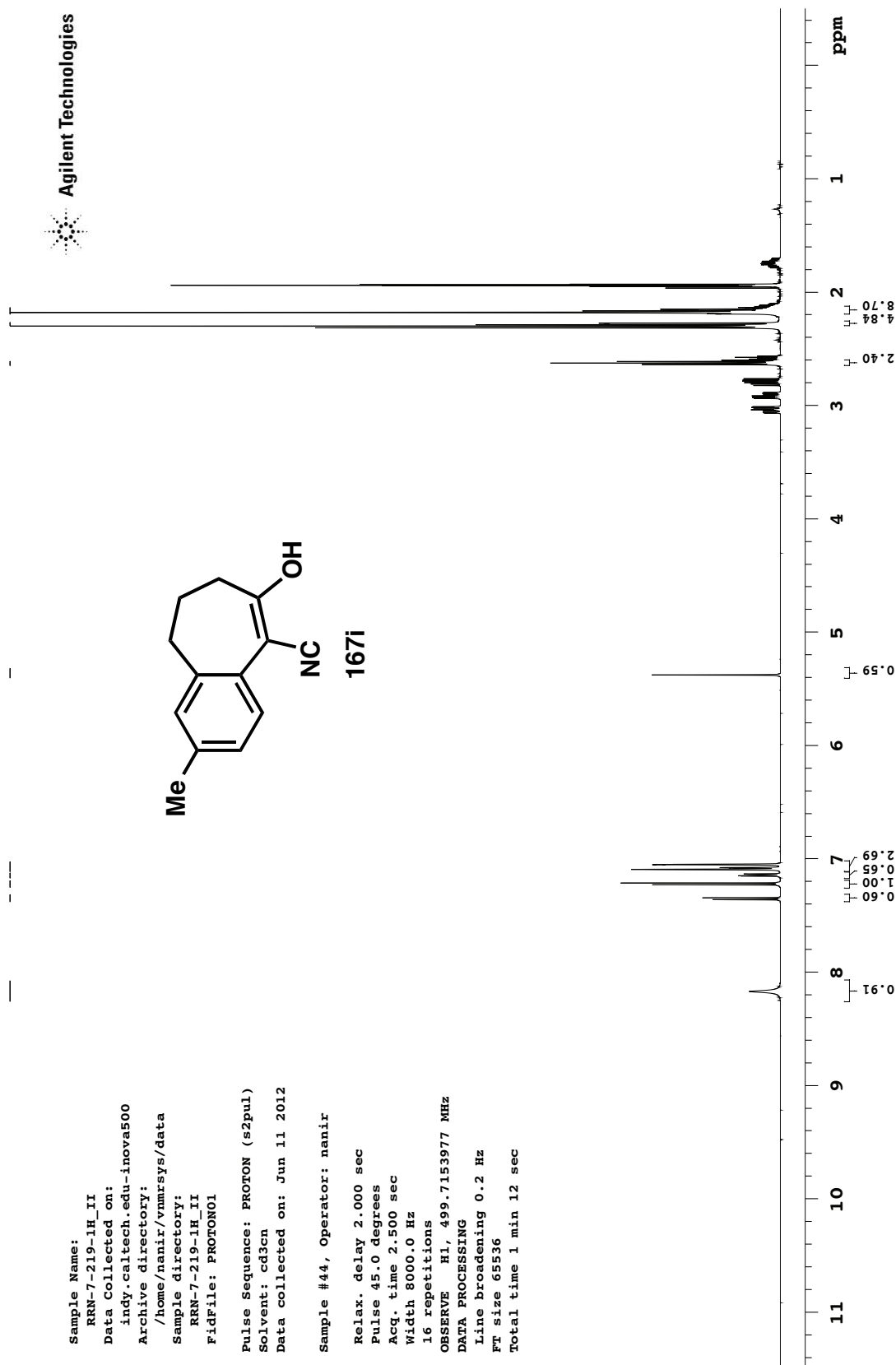


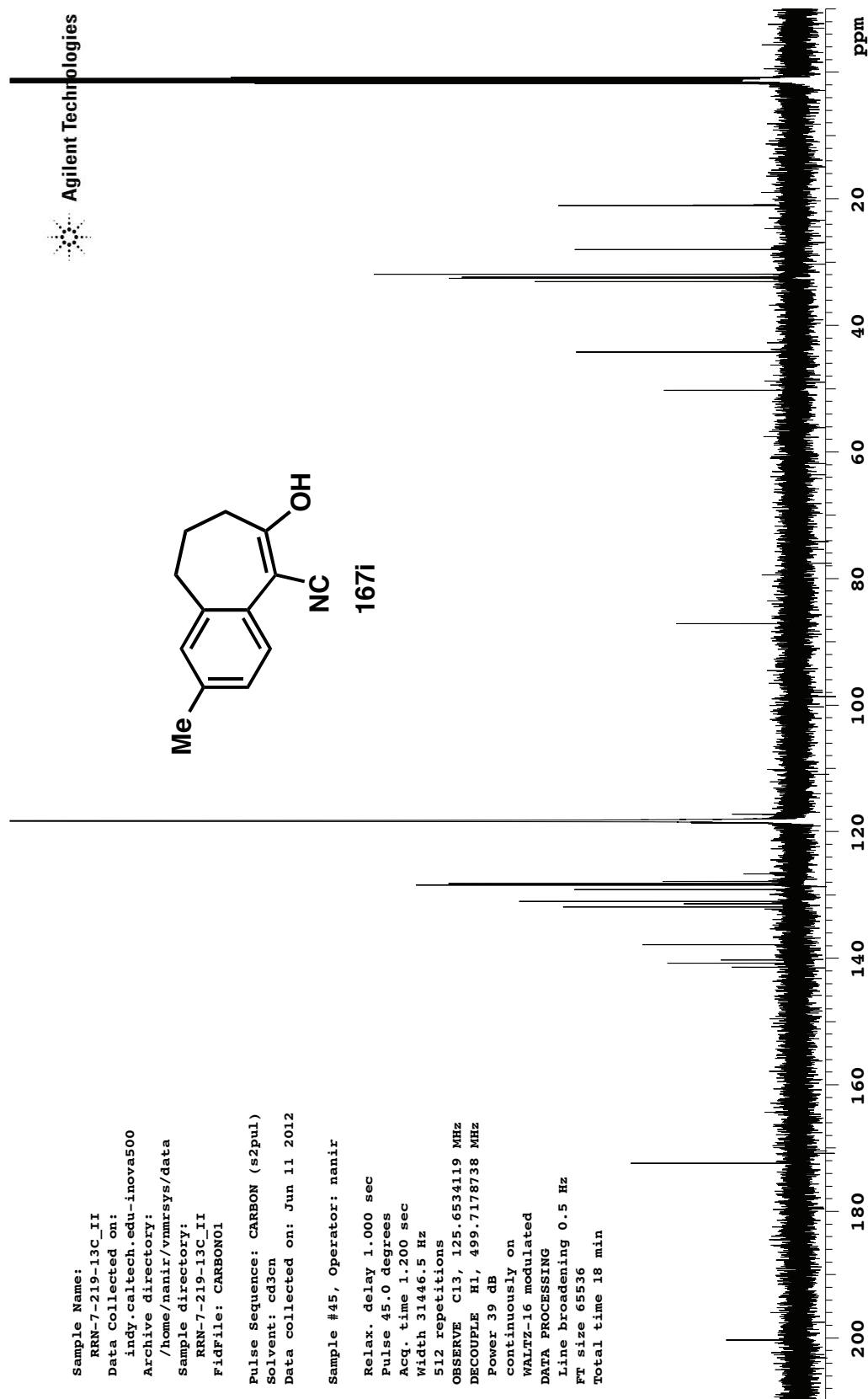


Sample Name:
RRN-9-263-13C
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-9-263-13C
FidFile: PROTON01
Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Oct 31 2012
Sample #44, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 3.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
32 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7049151 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 2 min 56 sec

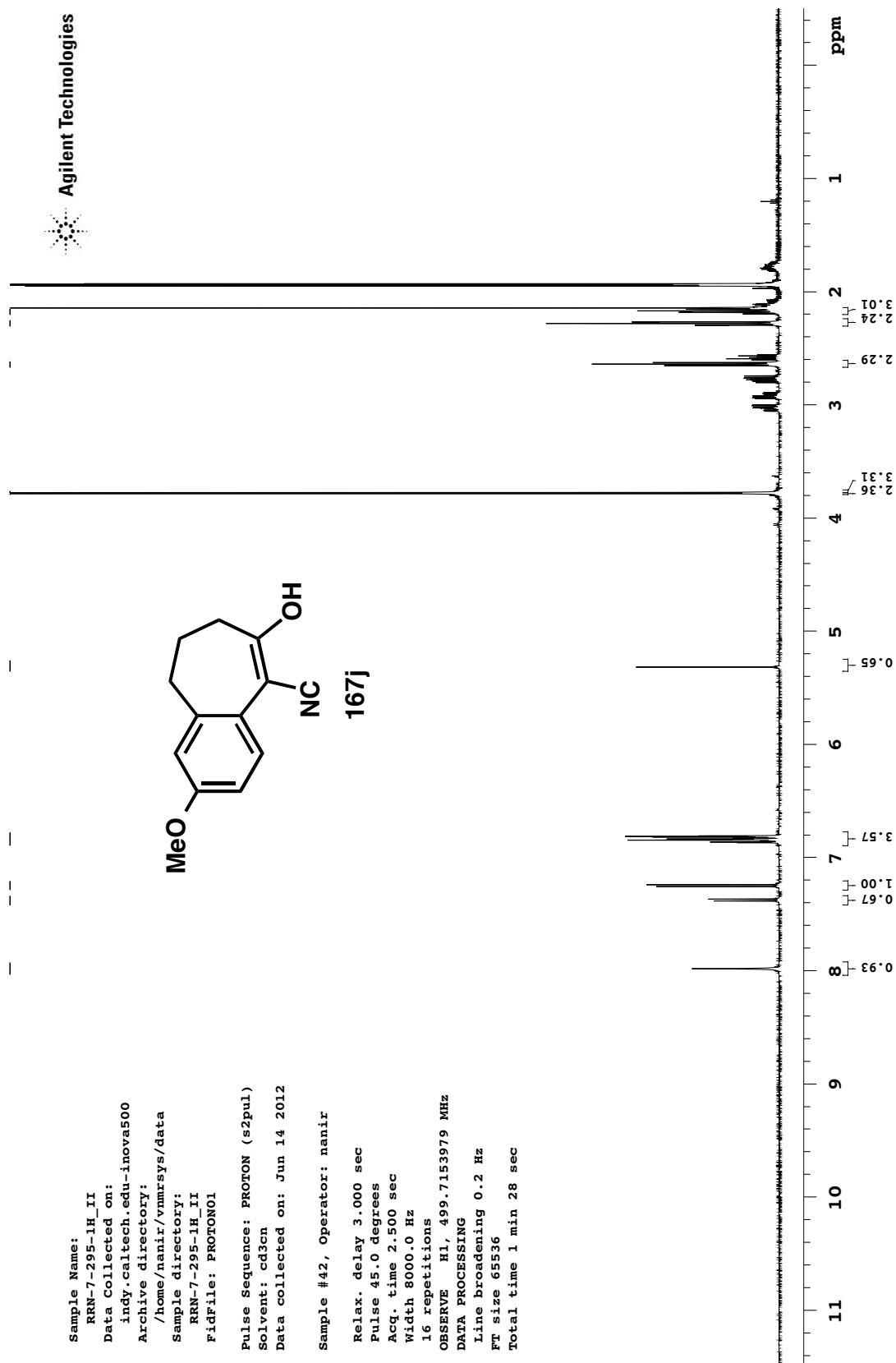


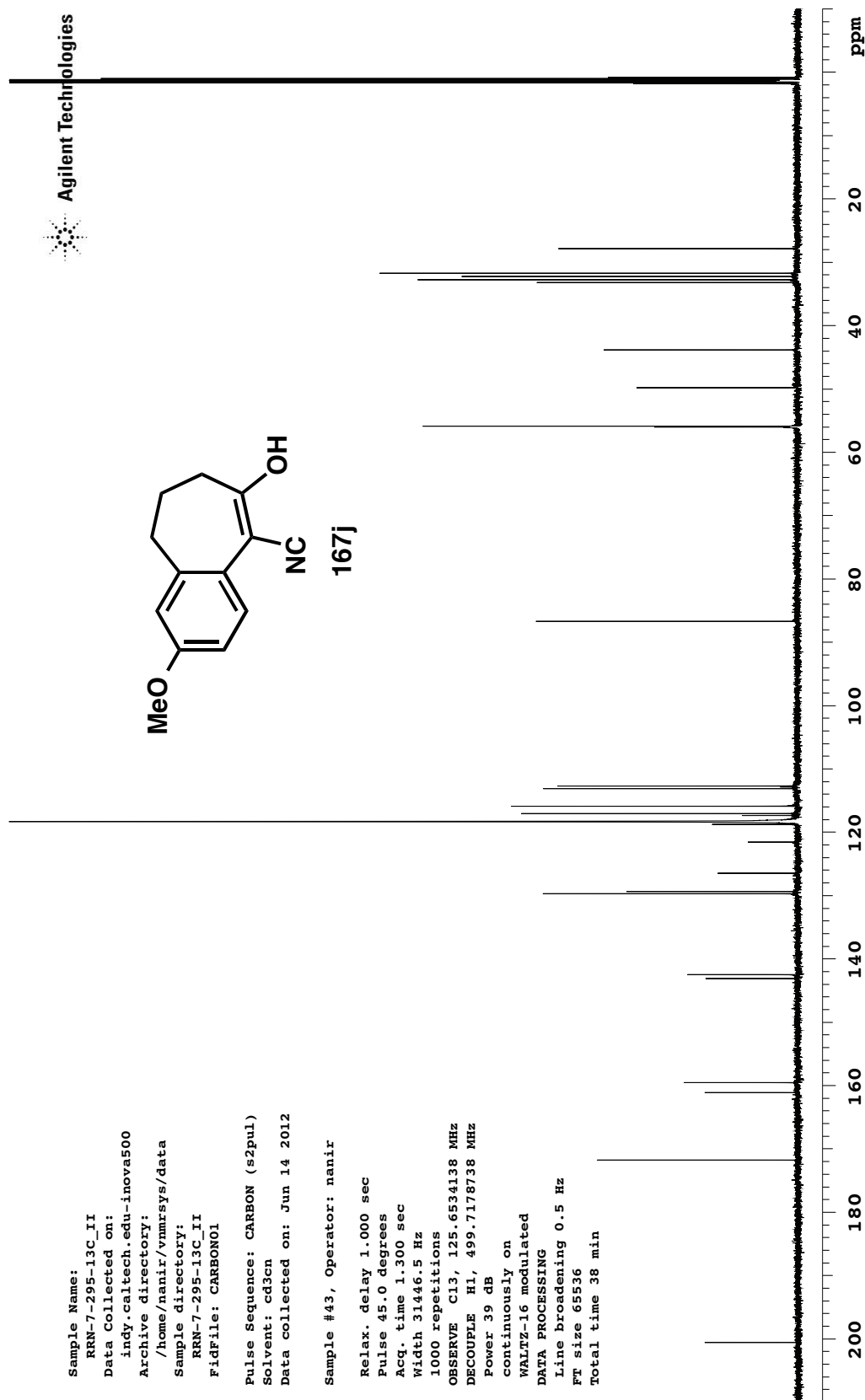






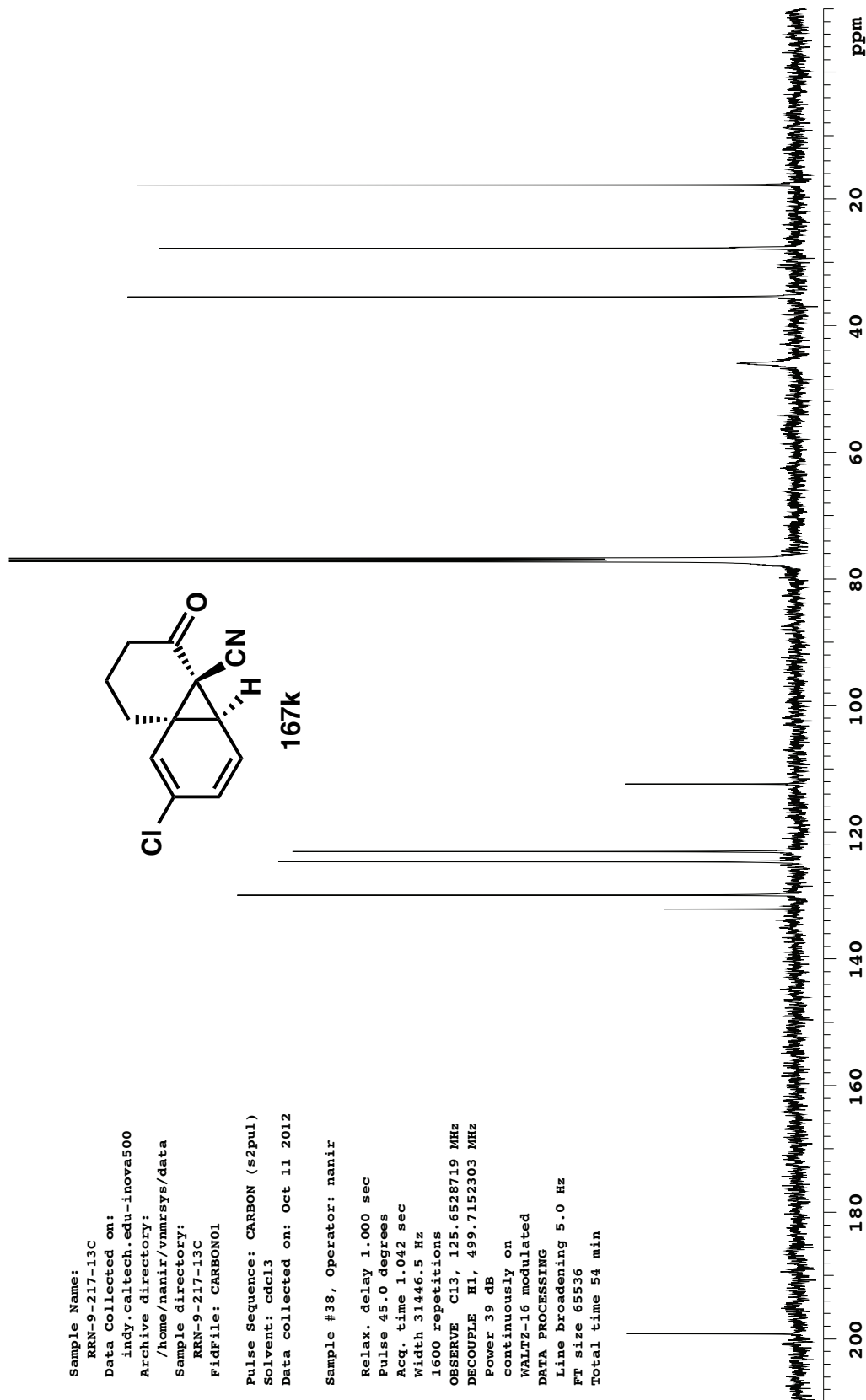
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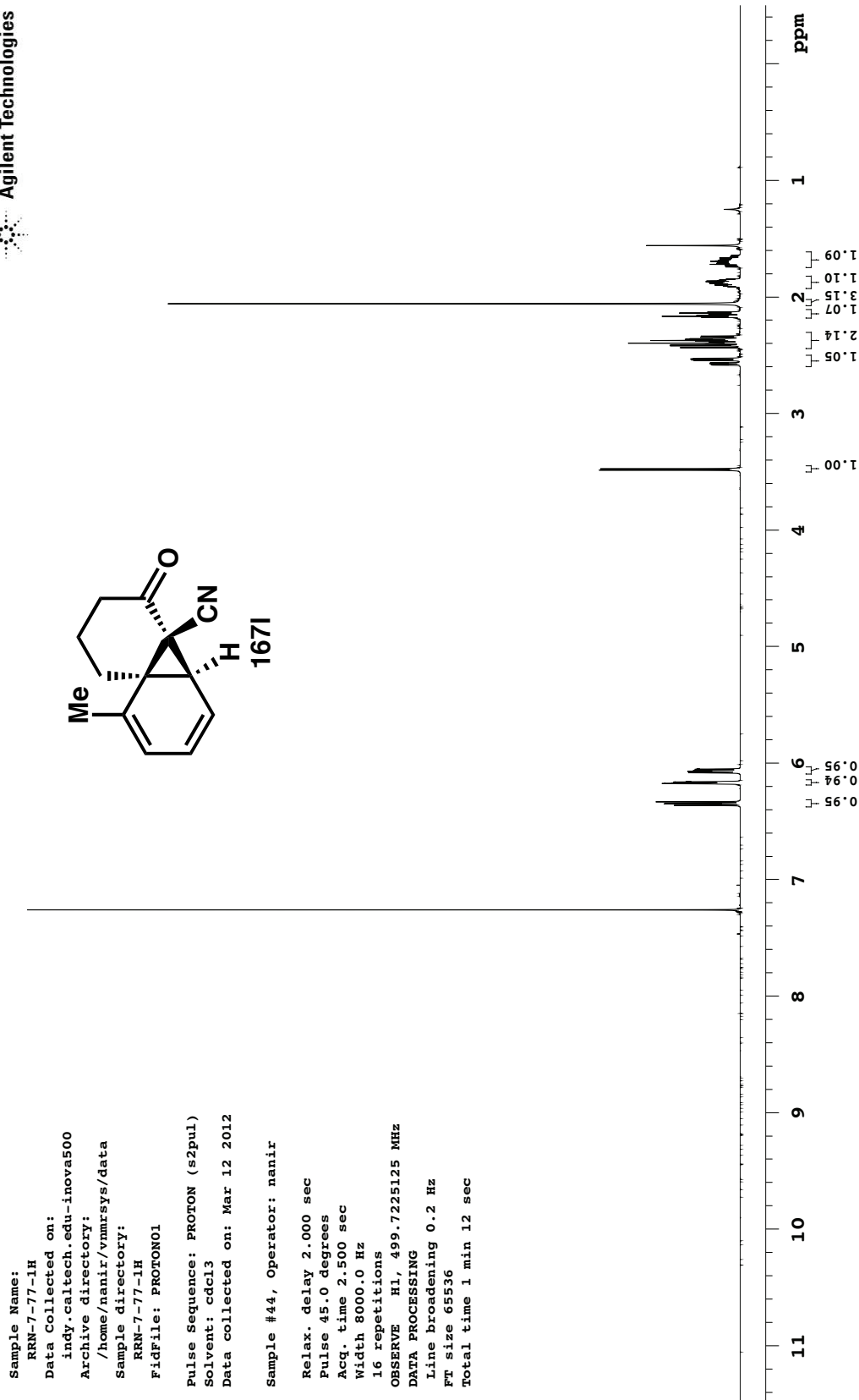




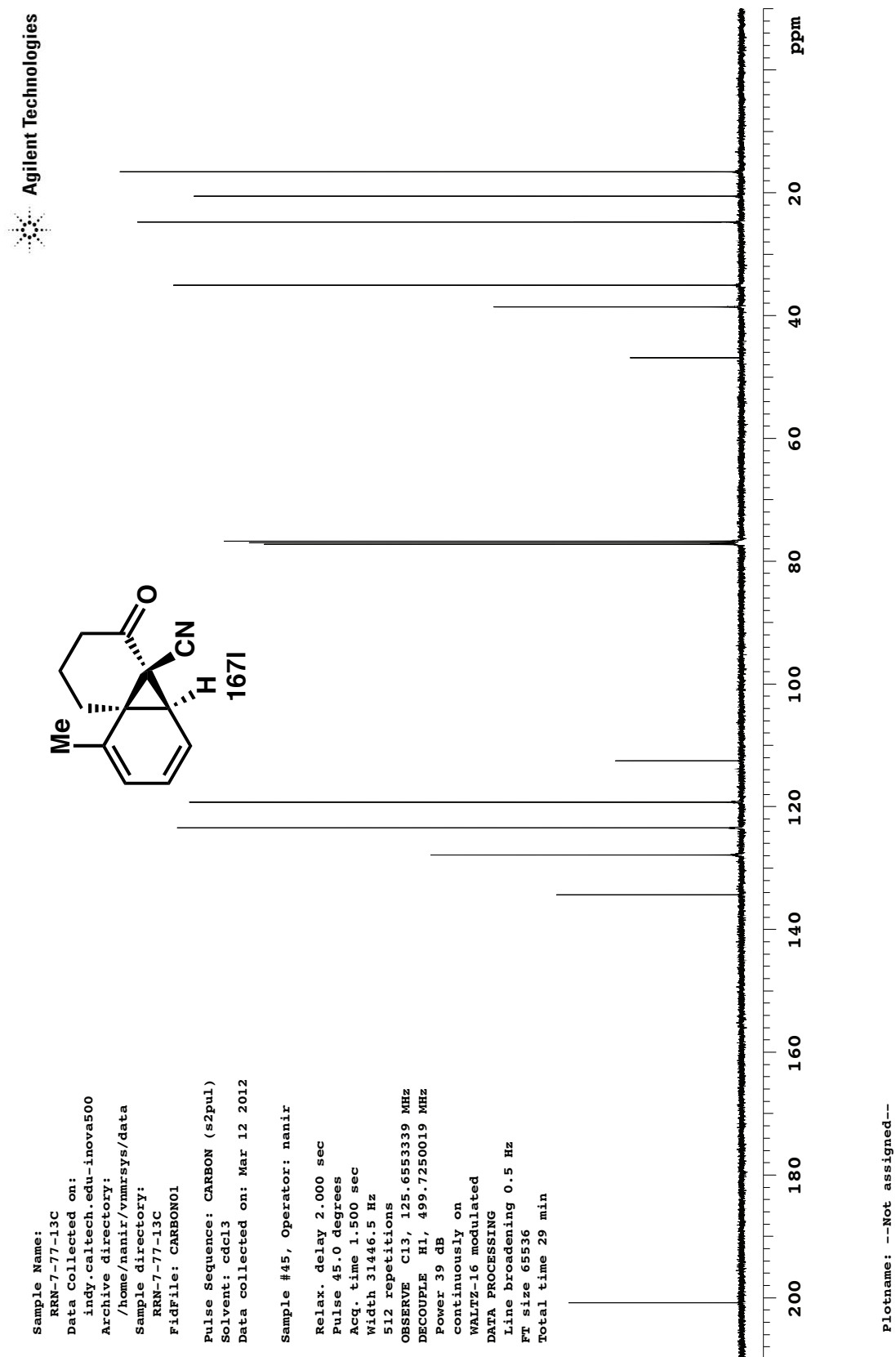
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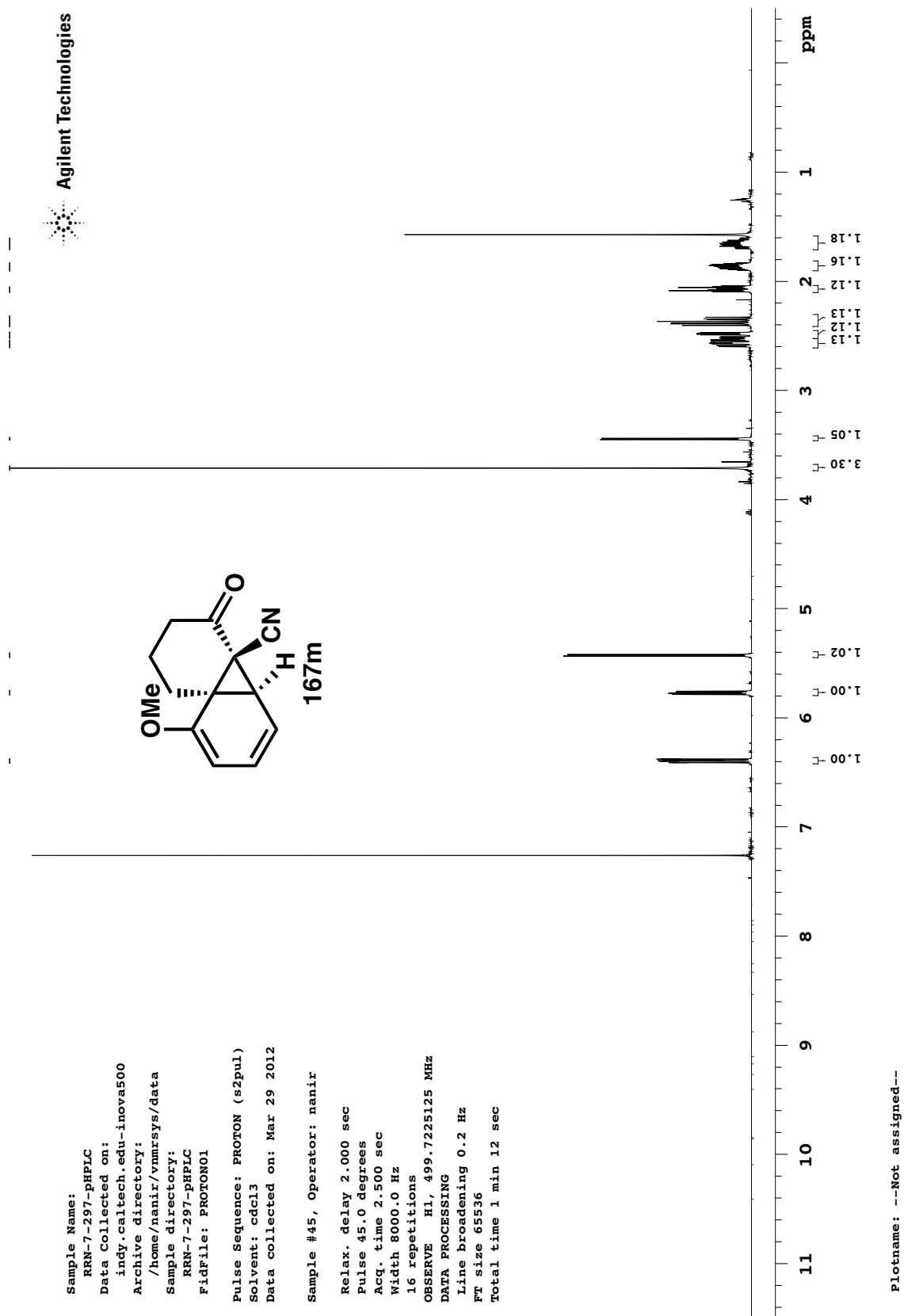






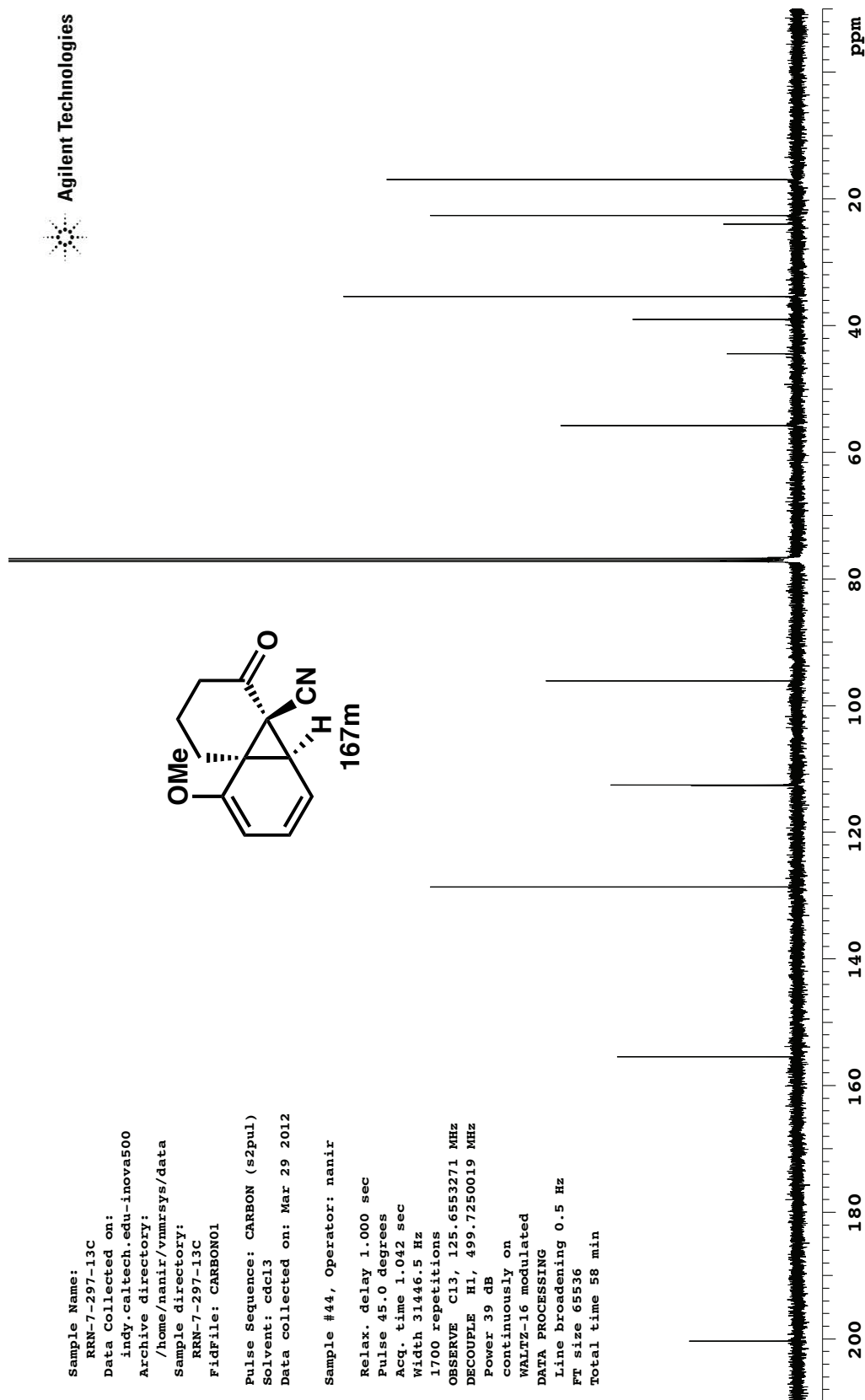
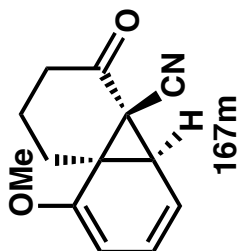
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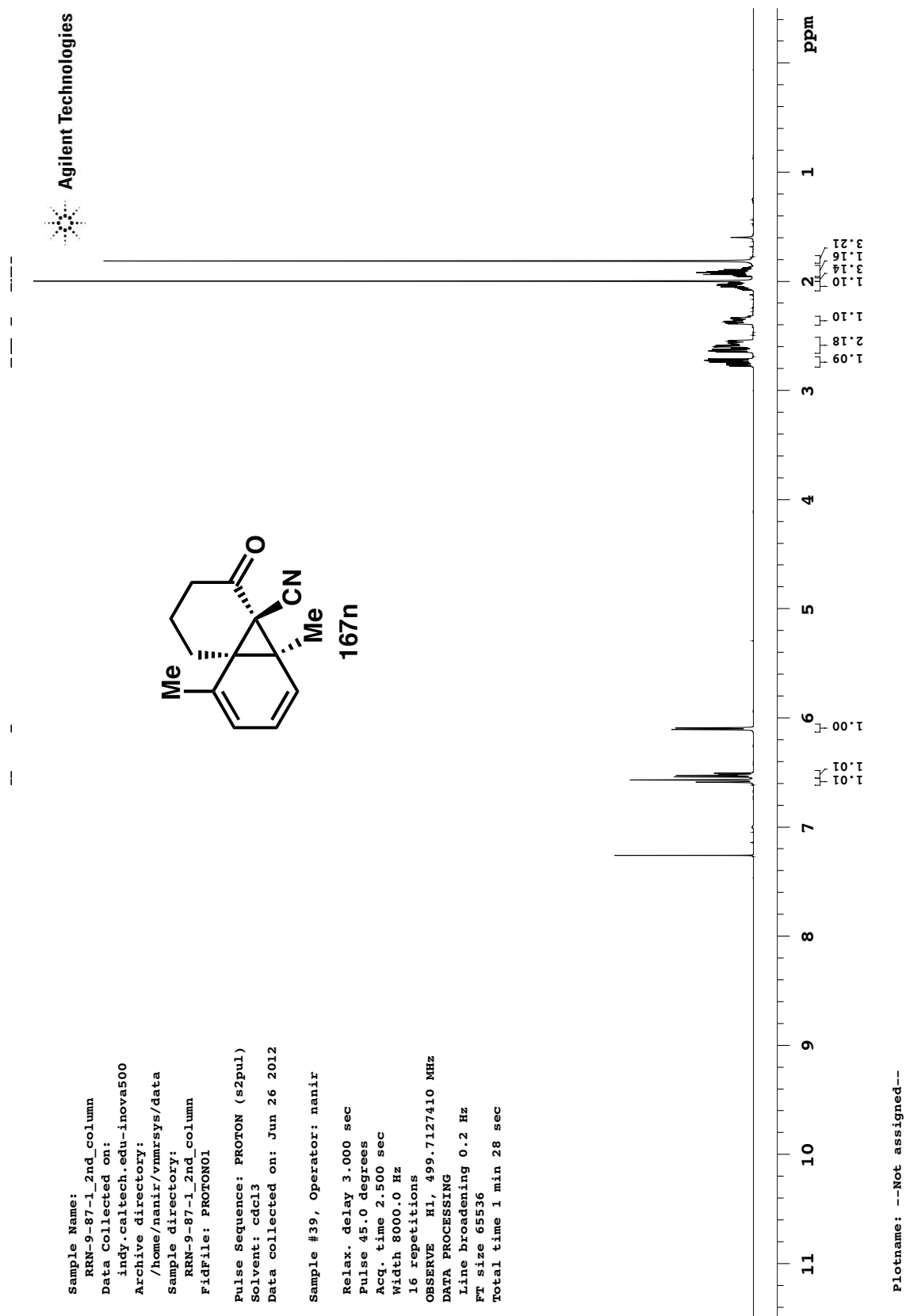


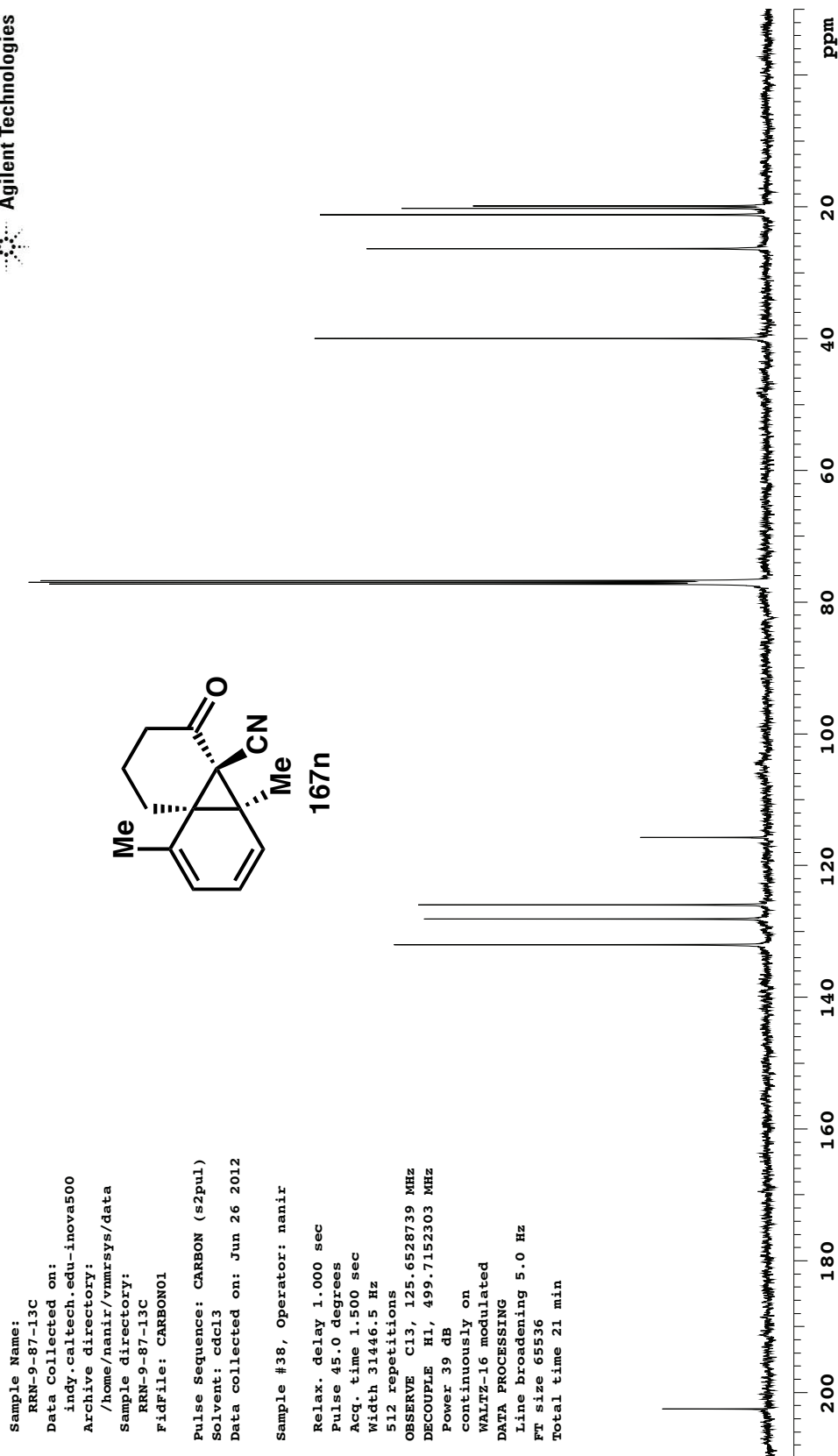


Sample Name:
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Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-7-297-13C
FidFile: CARBON01
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Mar 29 2012
Sample #44, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
1700 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6553271 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7250019 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 58 min

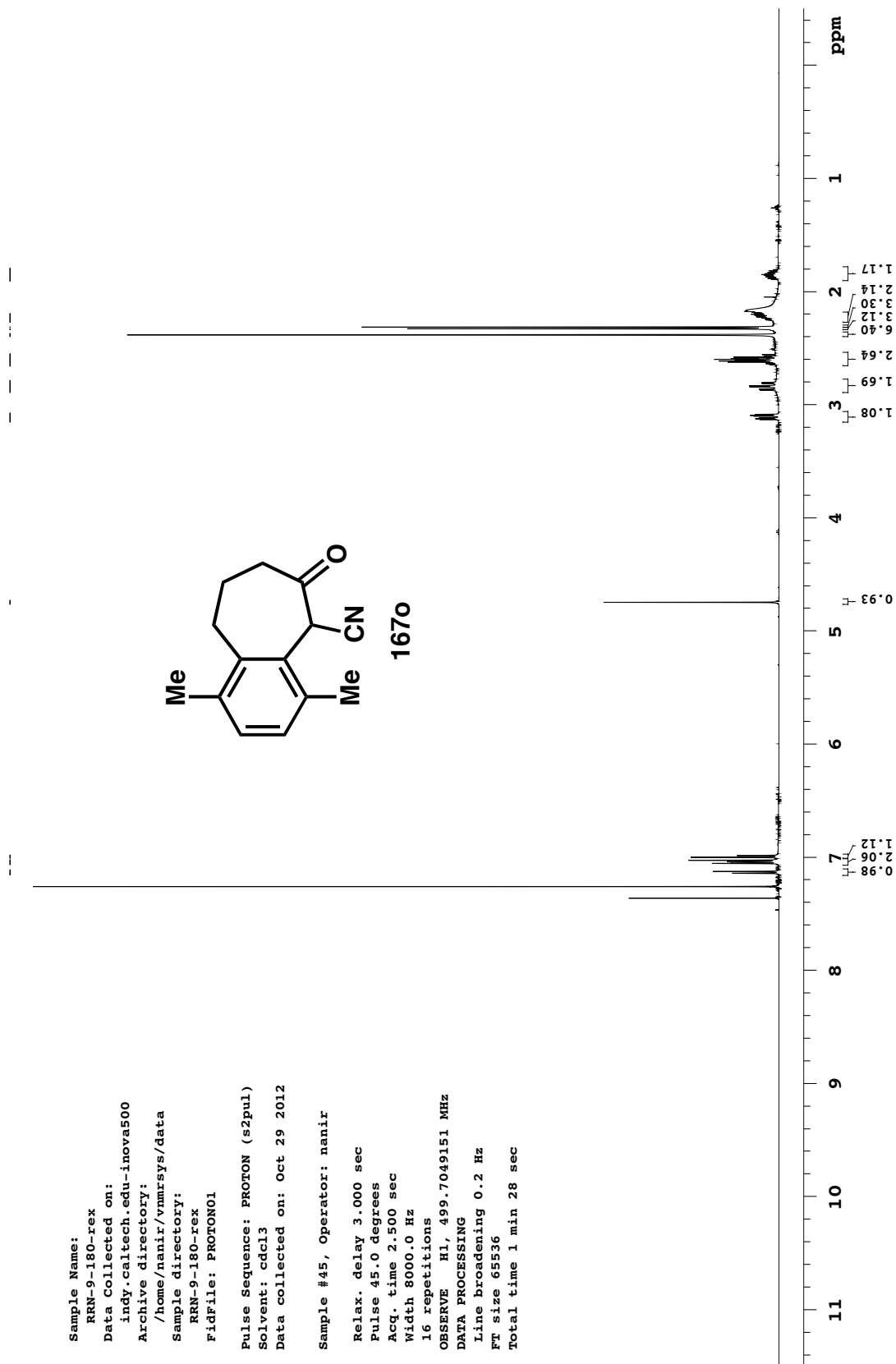


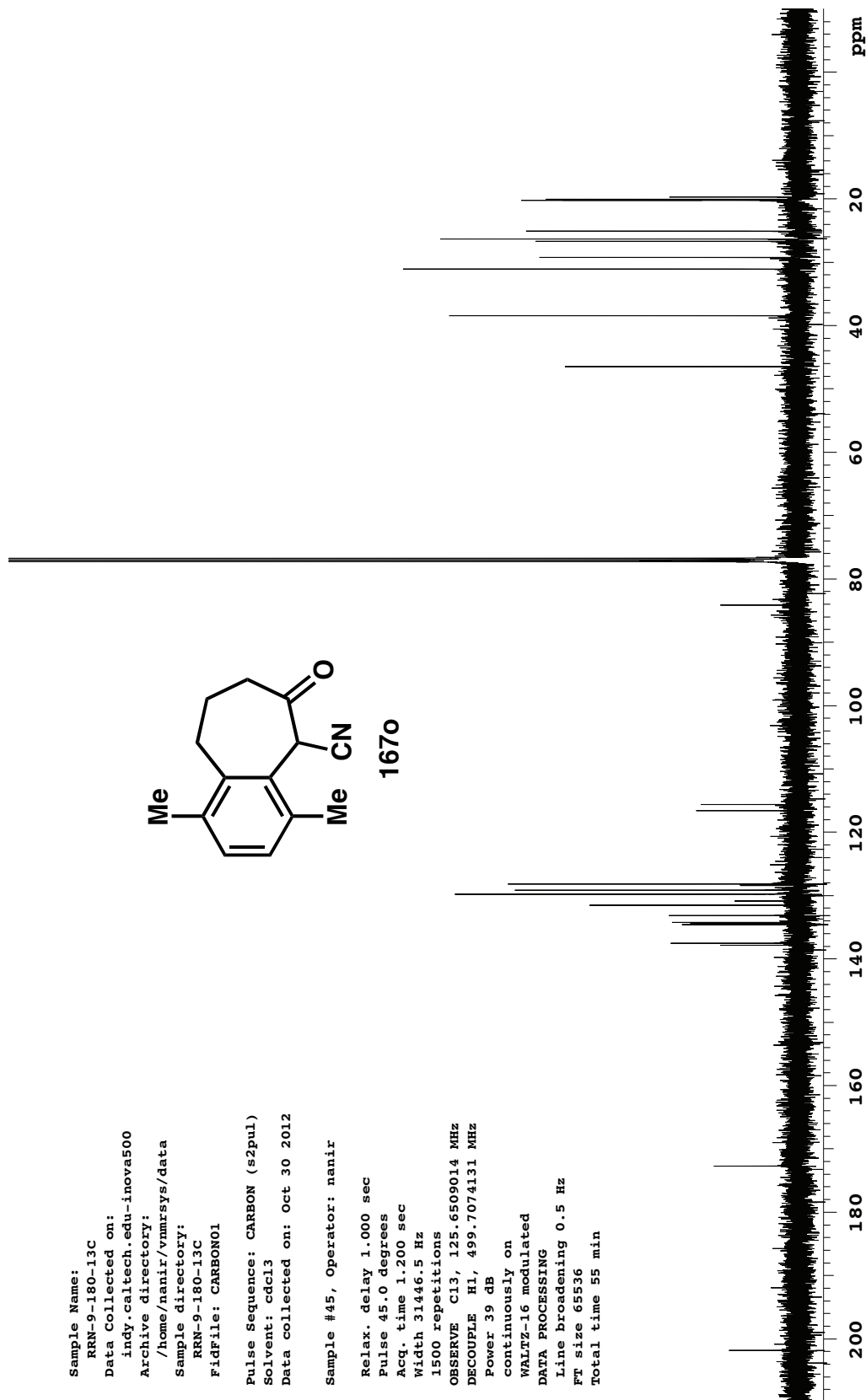
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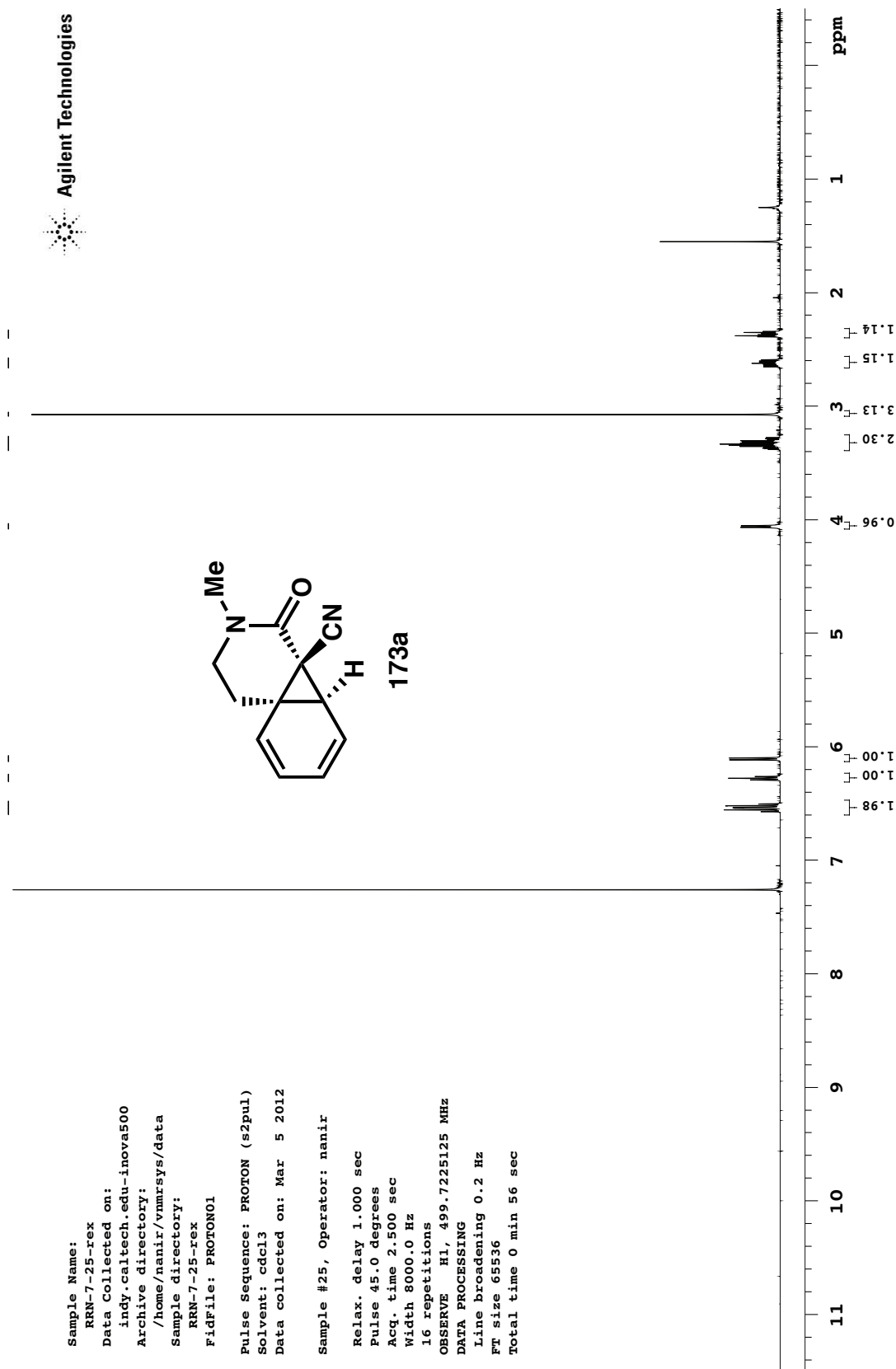


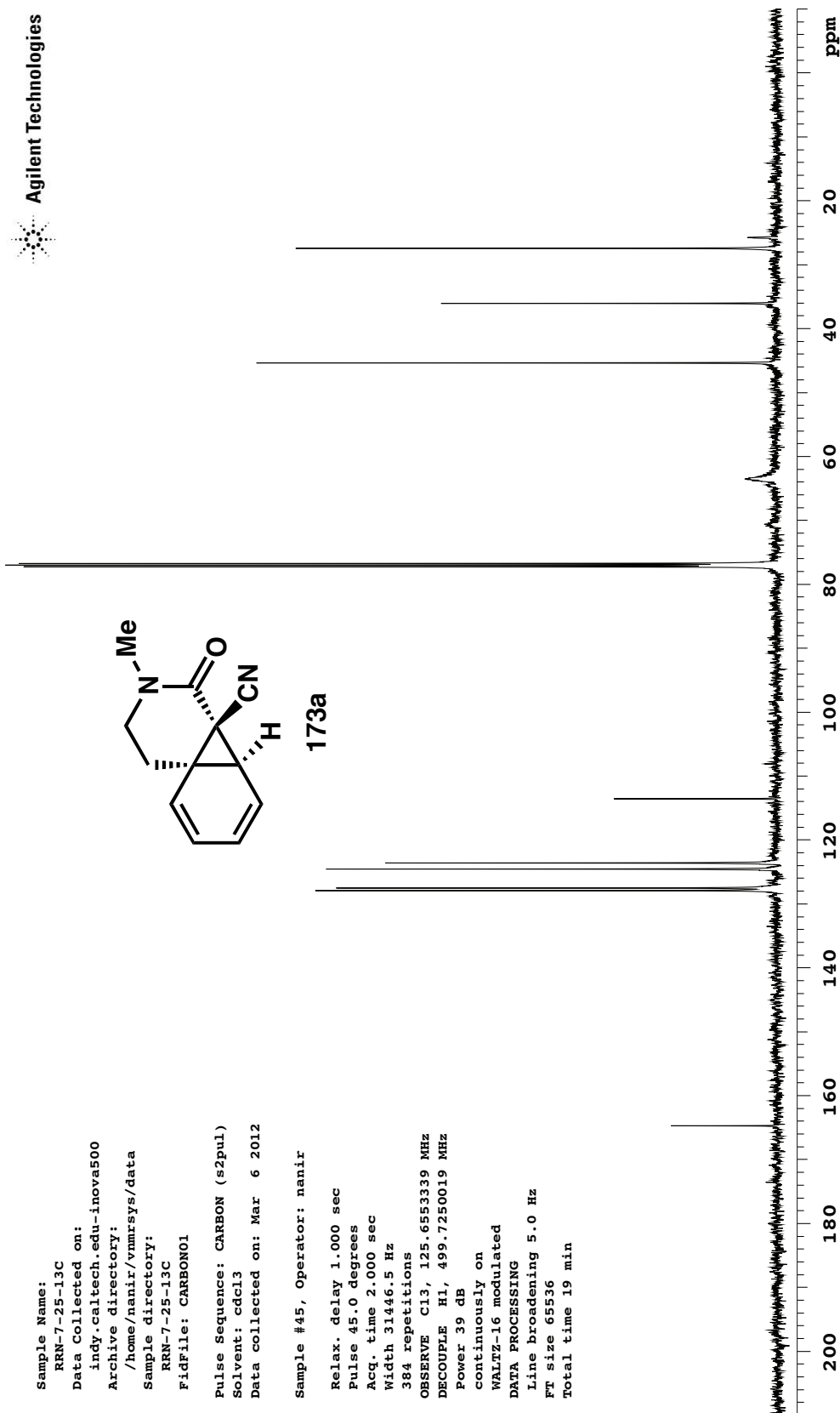


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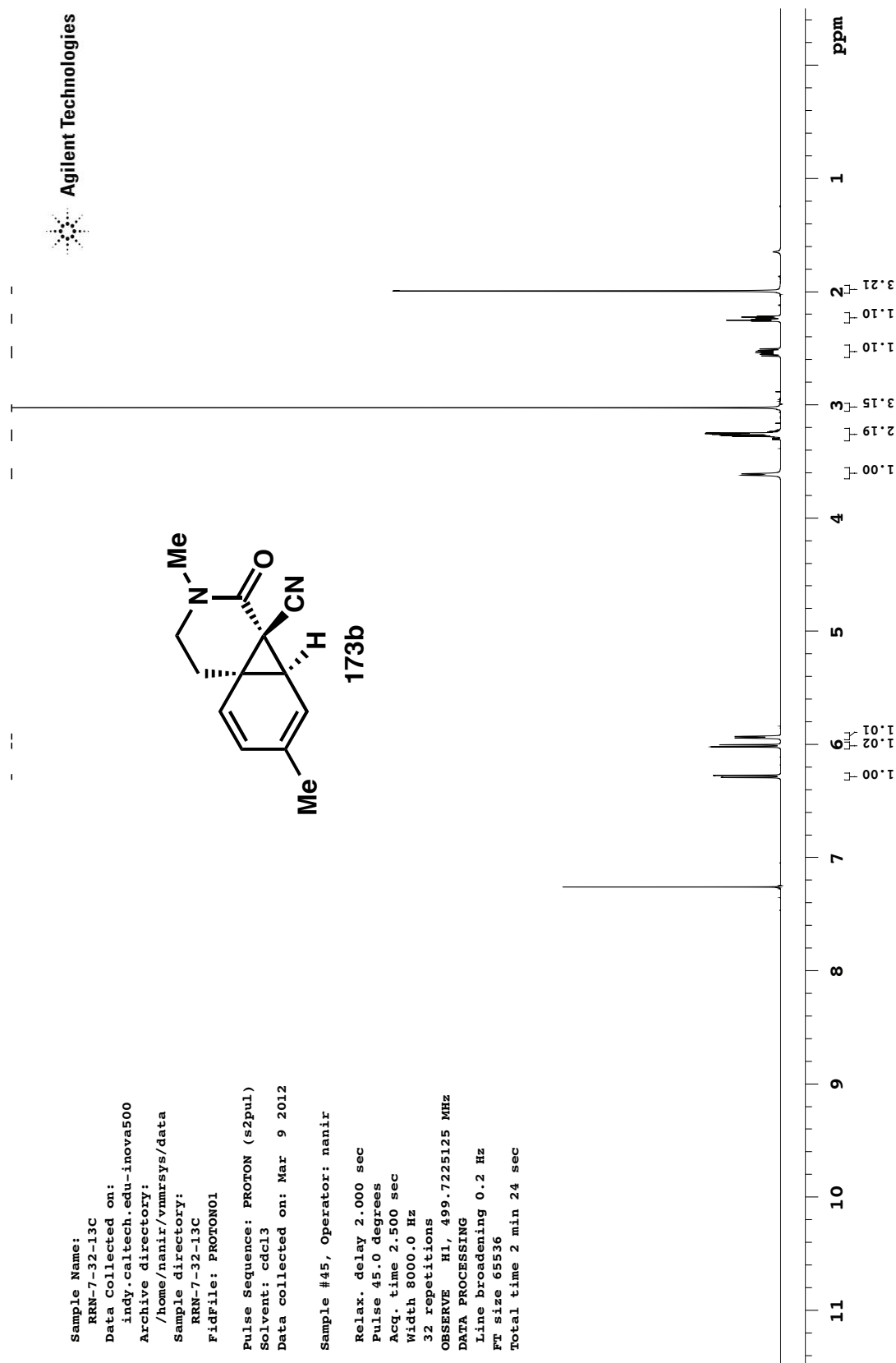








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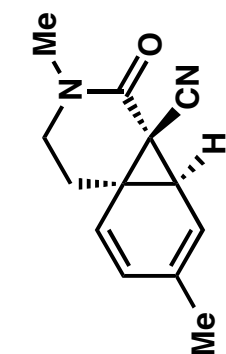
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Data Collected on:
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Archive directory:
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Sample directory:
RRN-7-32-13C
FidFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON ($2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Mar 9 2012

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 2.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
32 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7225125 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 2 min 24 sec

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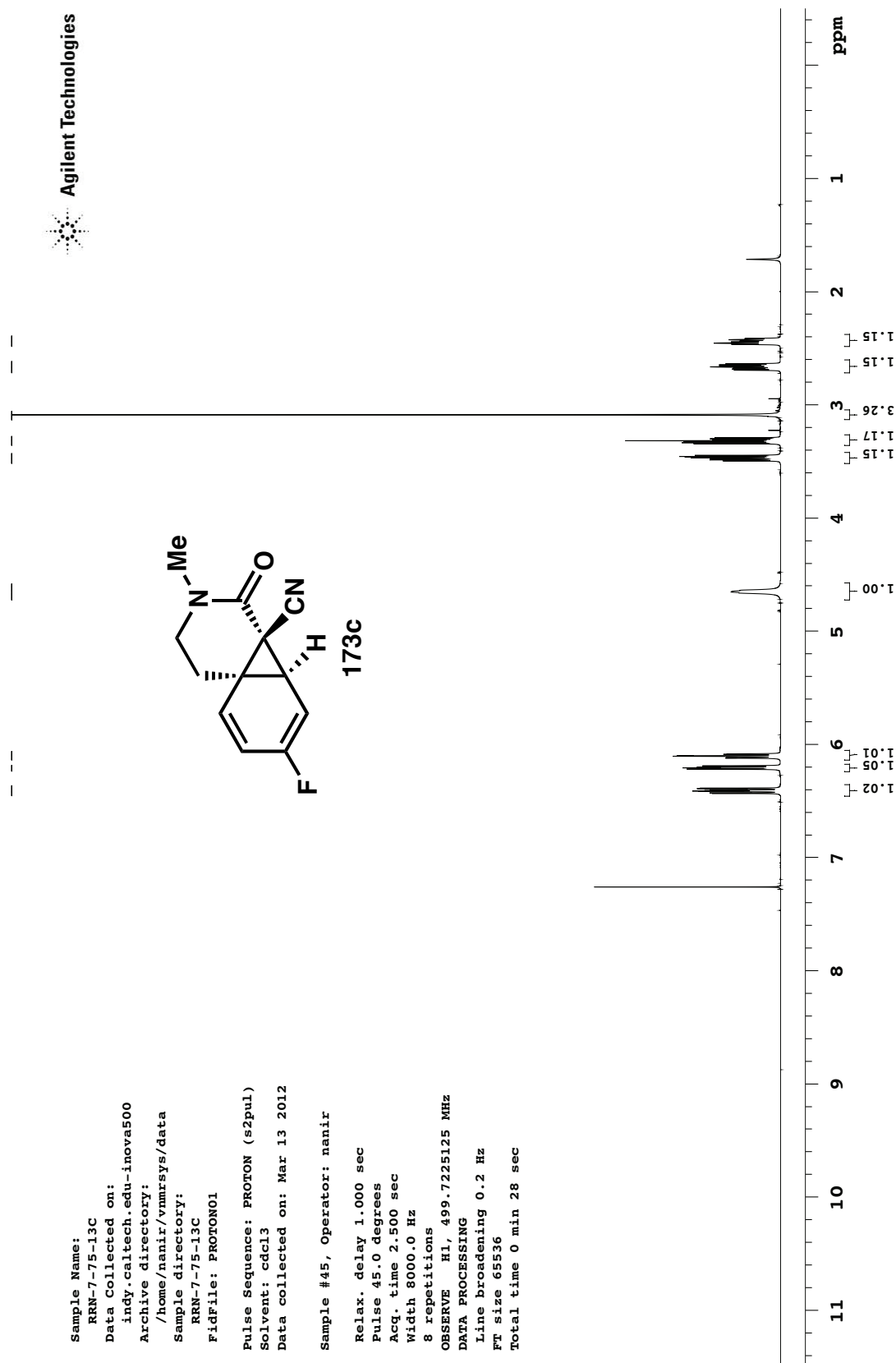


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Sample Name:
RRN-7-32-13C
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-7-32-13C
FidFile: CARBON01
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Mar 9 2012
Sample #45, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.042 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
1600 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6553291 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7250019 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 5.0 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 54 min

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Plotname: --Not assigned--





Sample Name:

RRN-7-75-13C

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vmrsys/data

Sample directory:

RRN-7-75-13C

FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Mar 13 2012

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 2.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.500 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

900 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6553339 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7250019 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

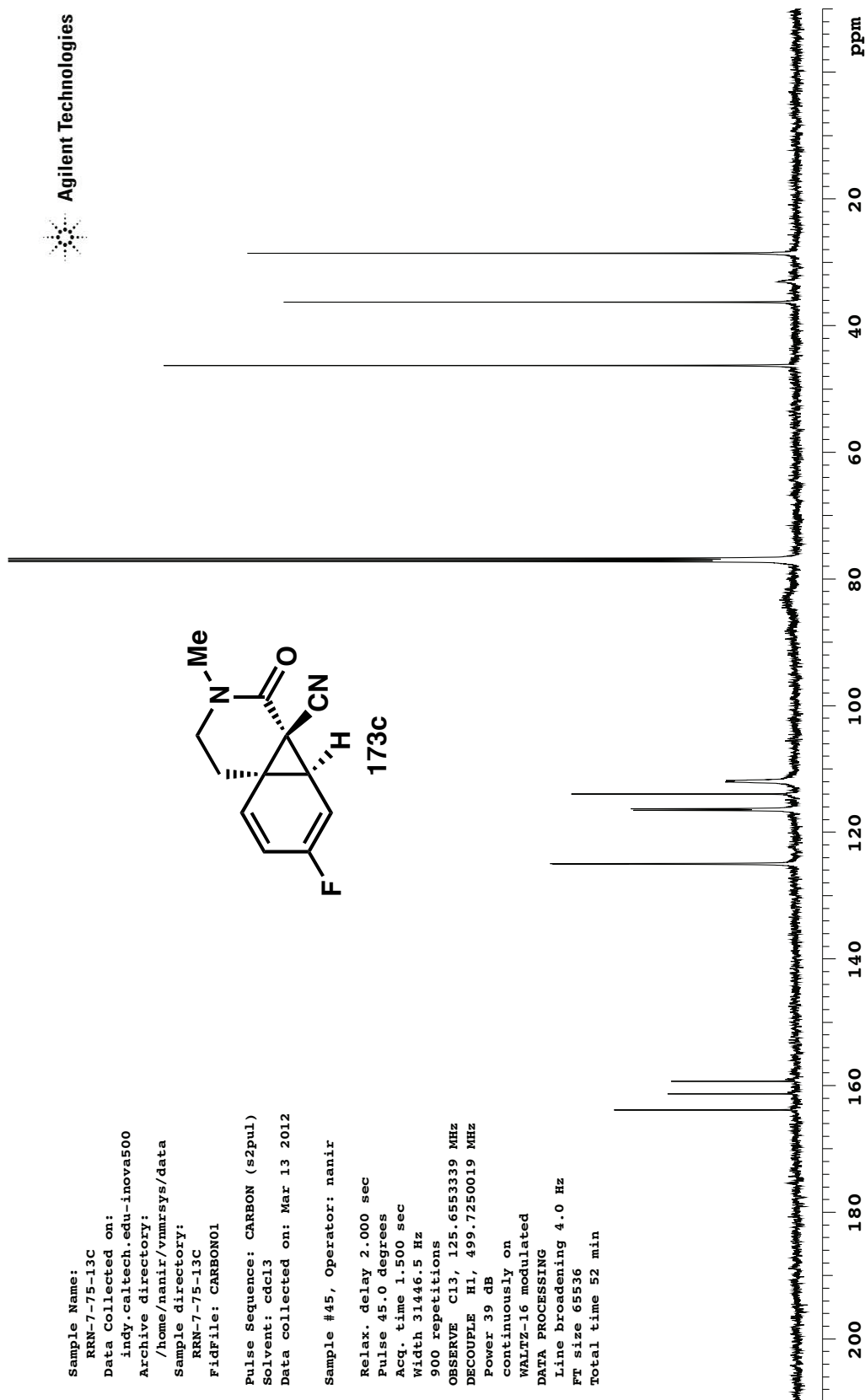
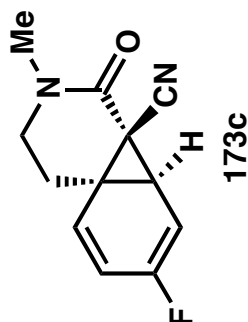
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

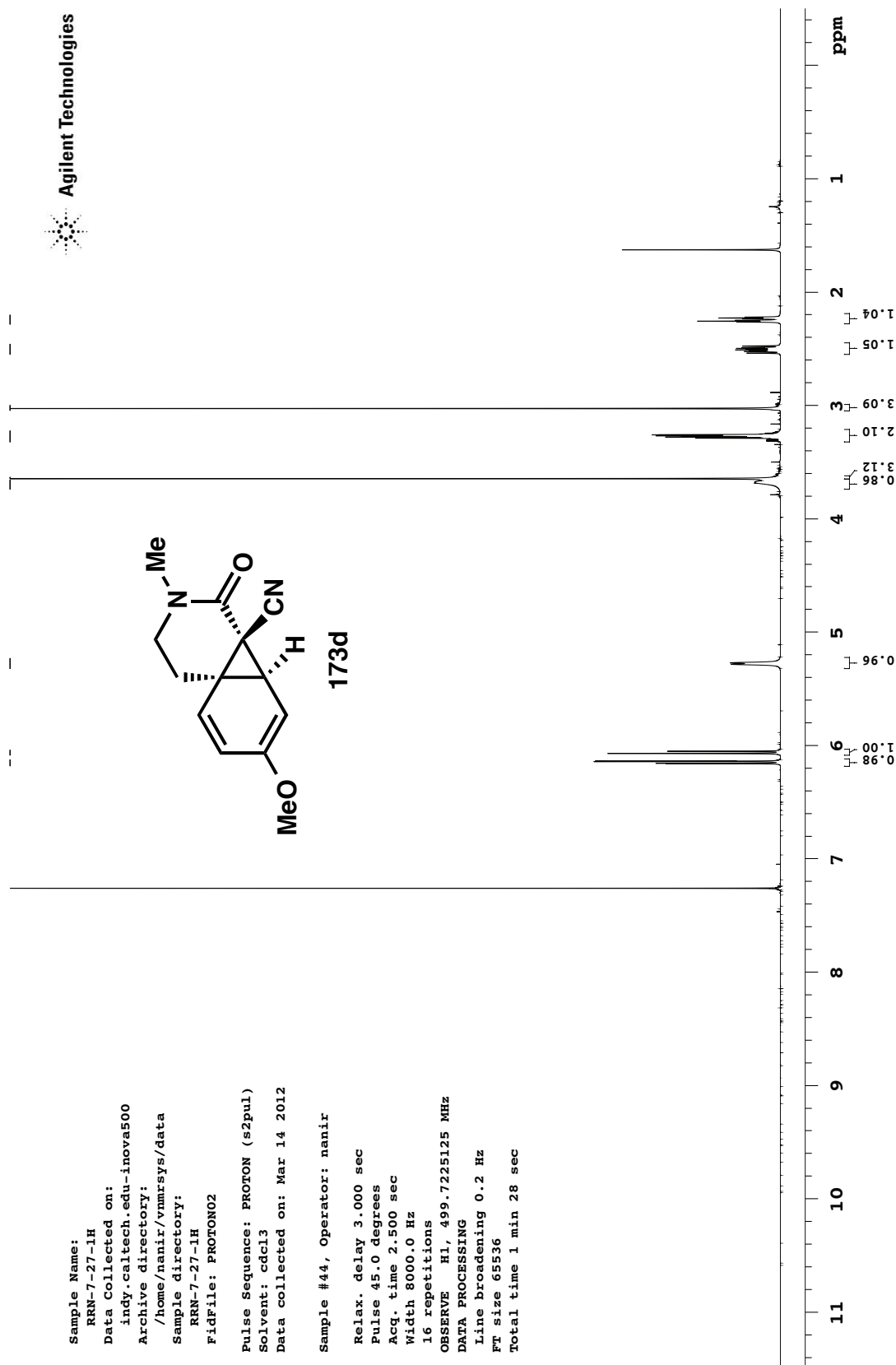
Line broadening 4.0 Hz

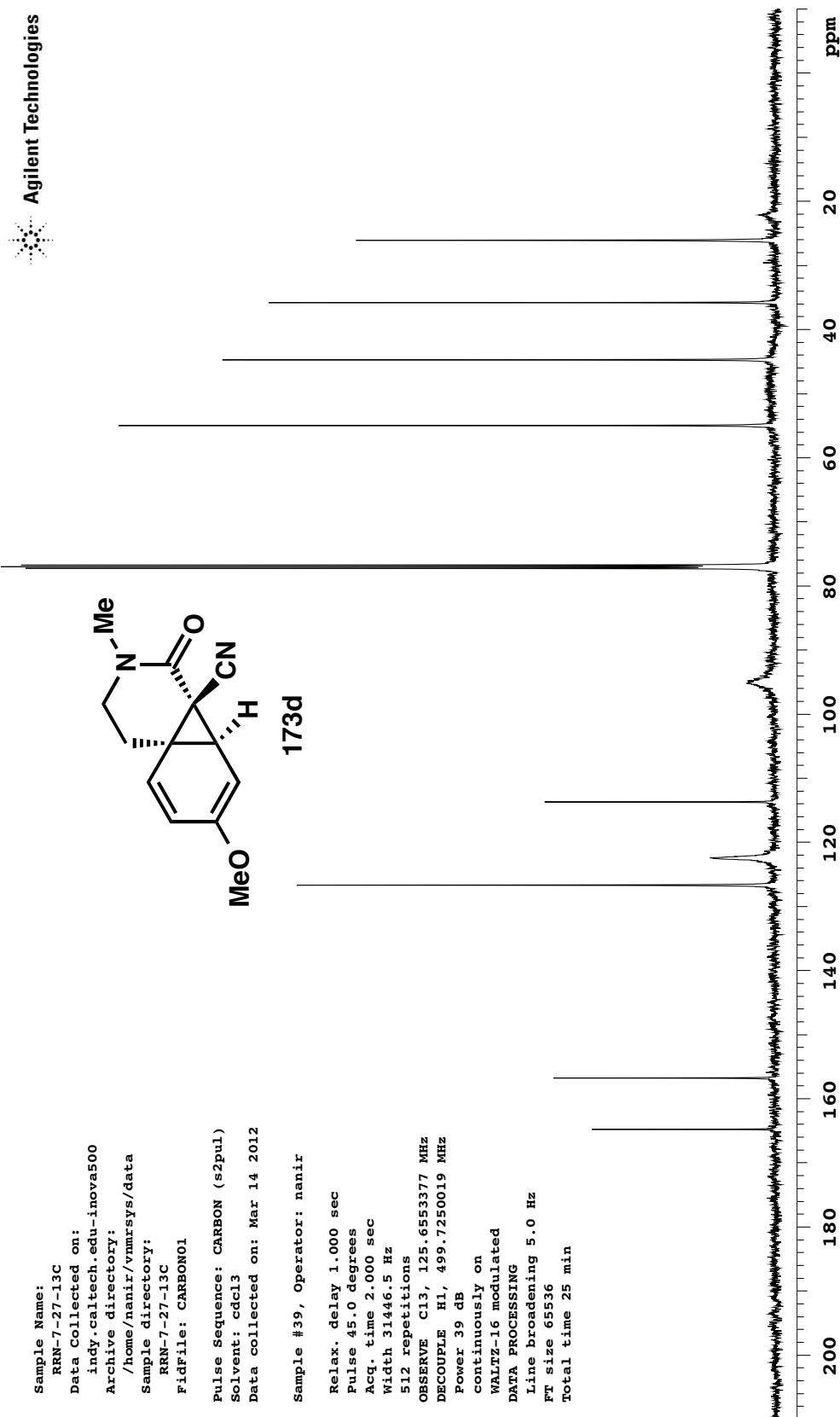
FT size 65536

Total time 52 min

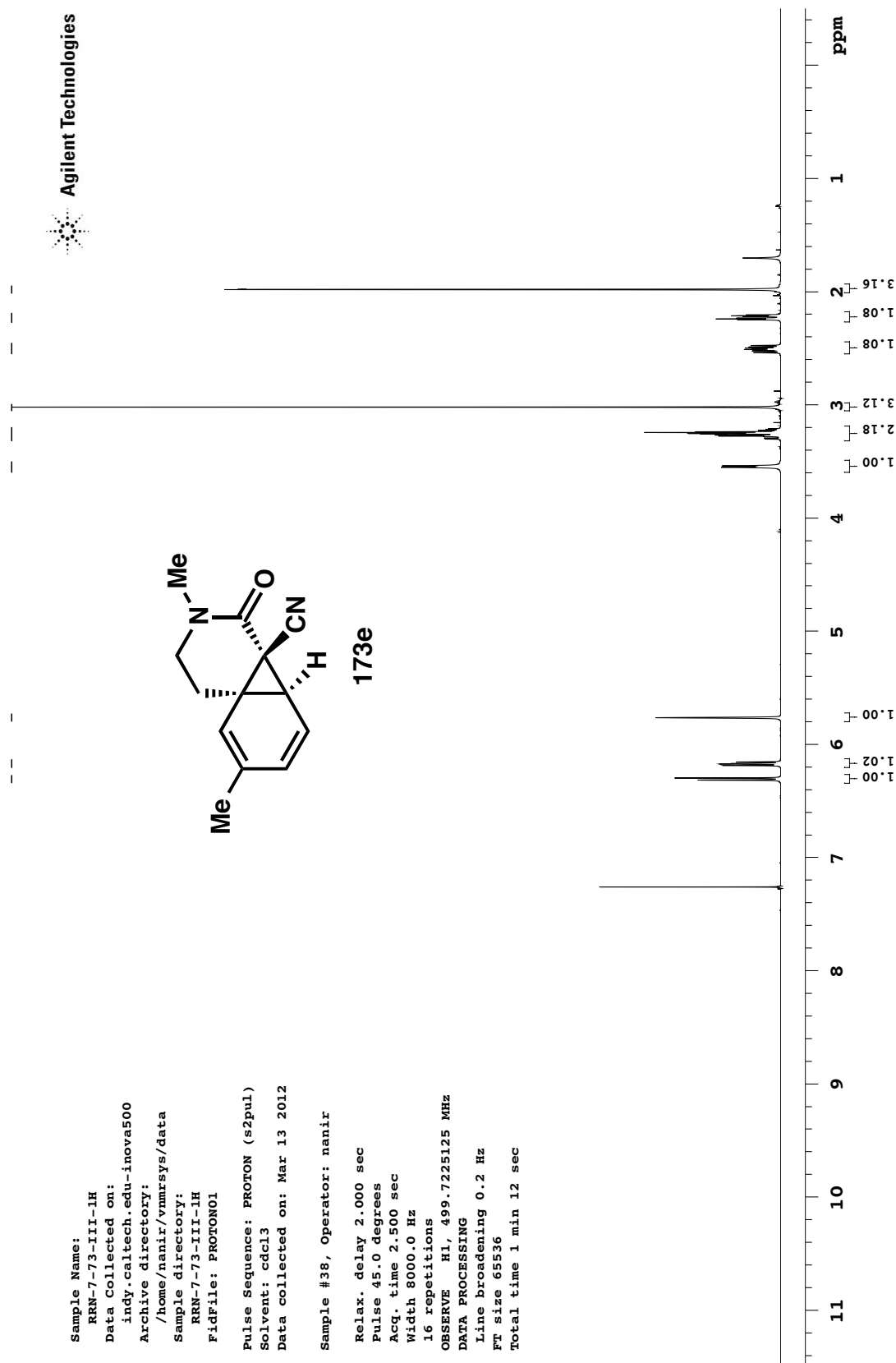


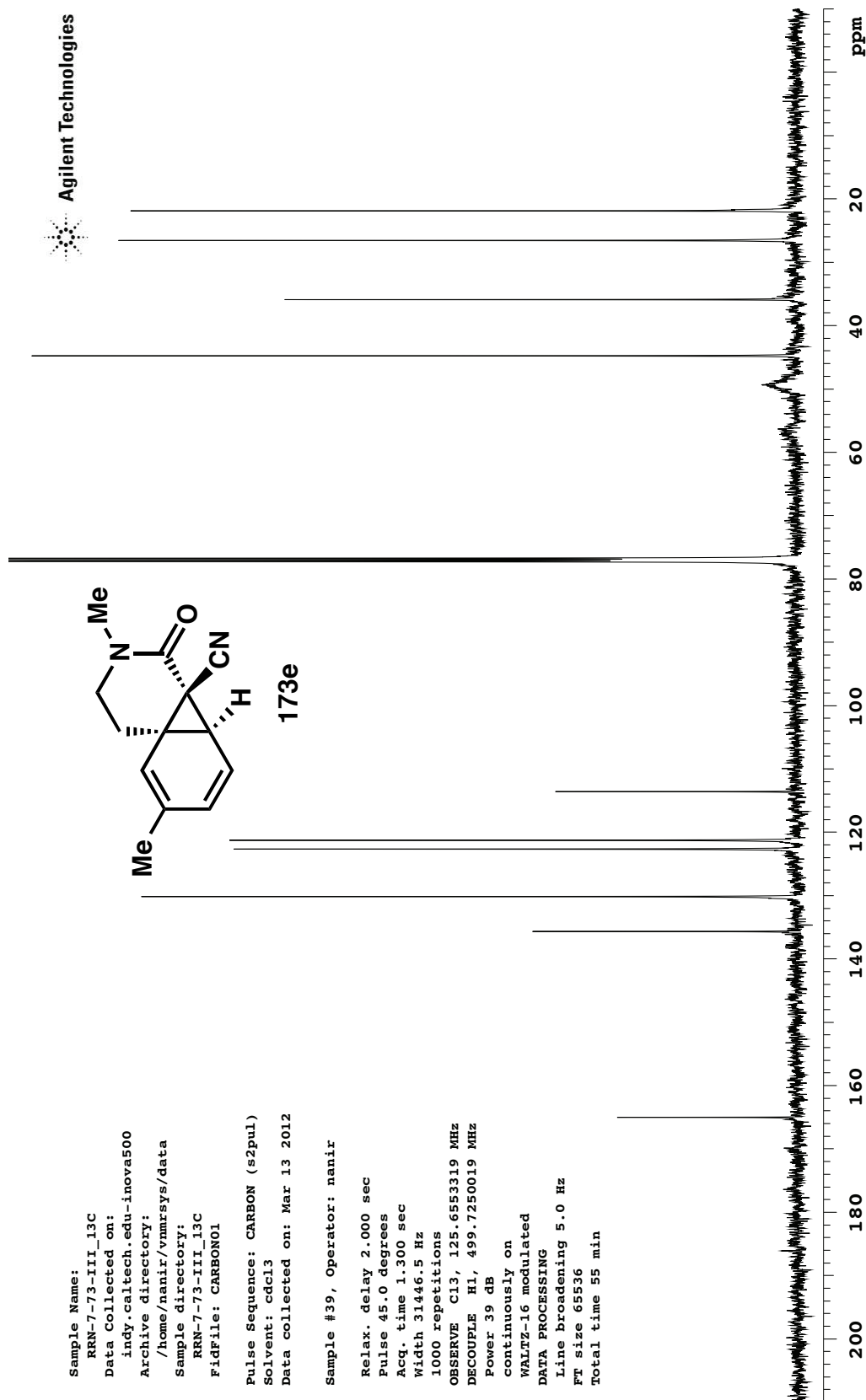
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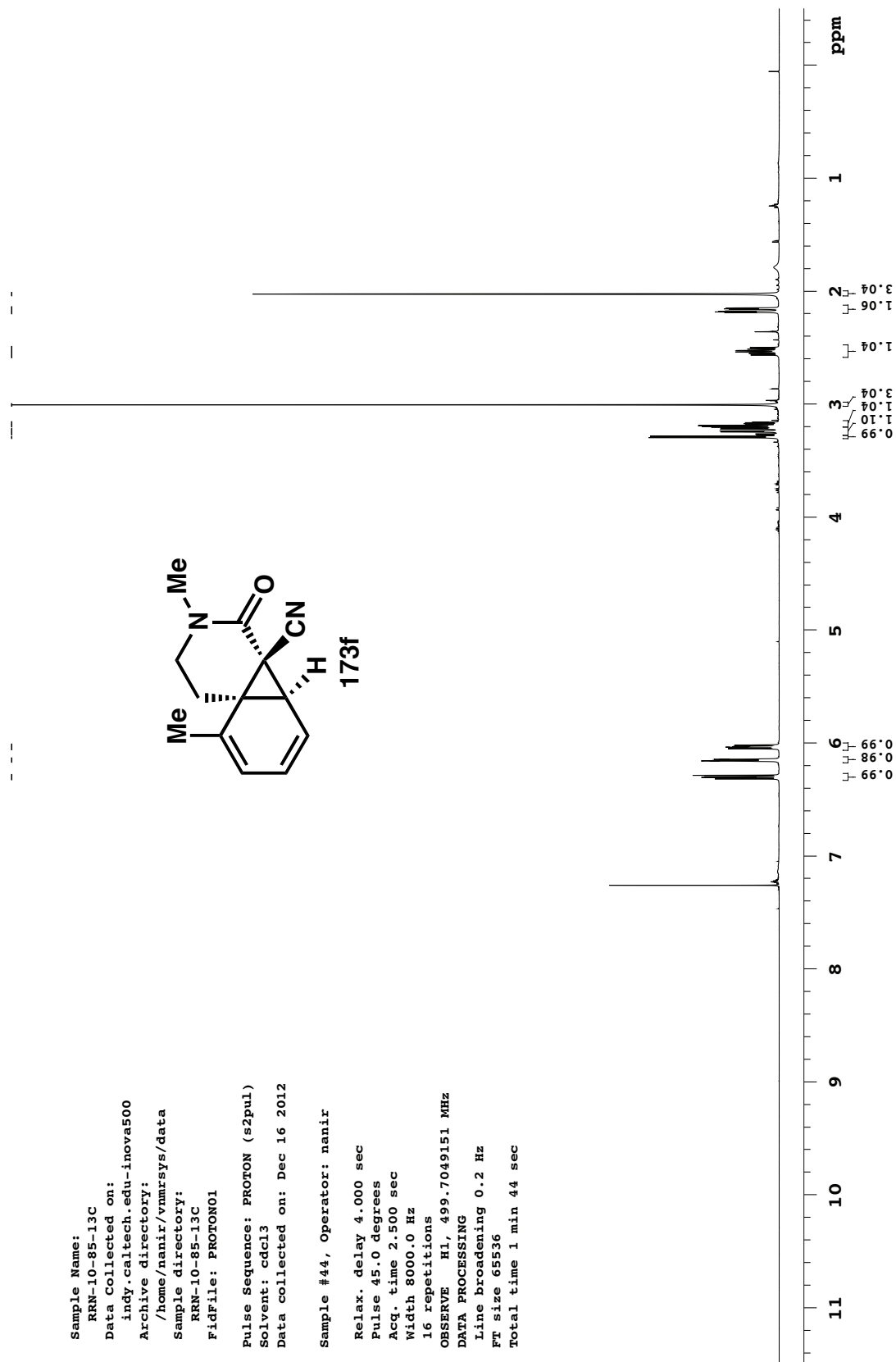


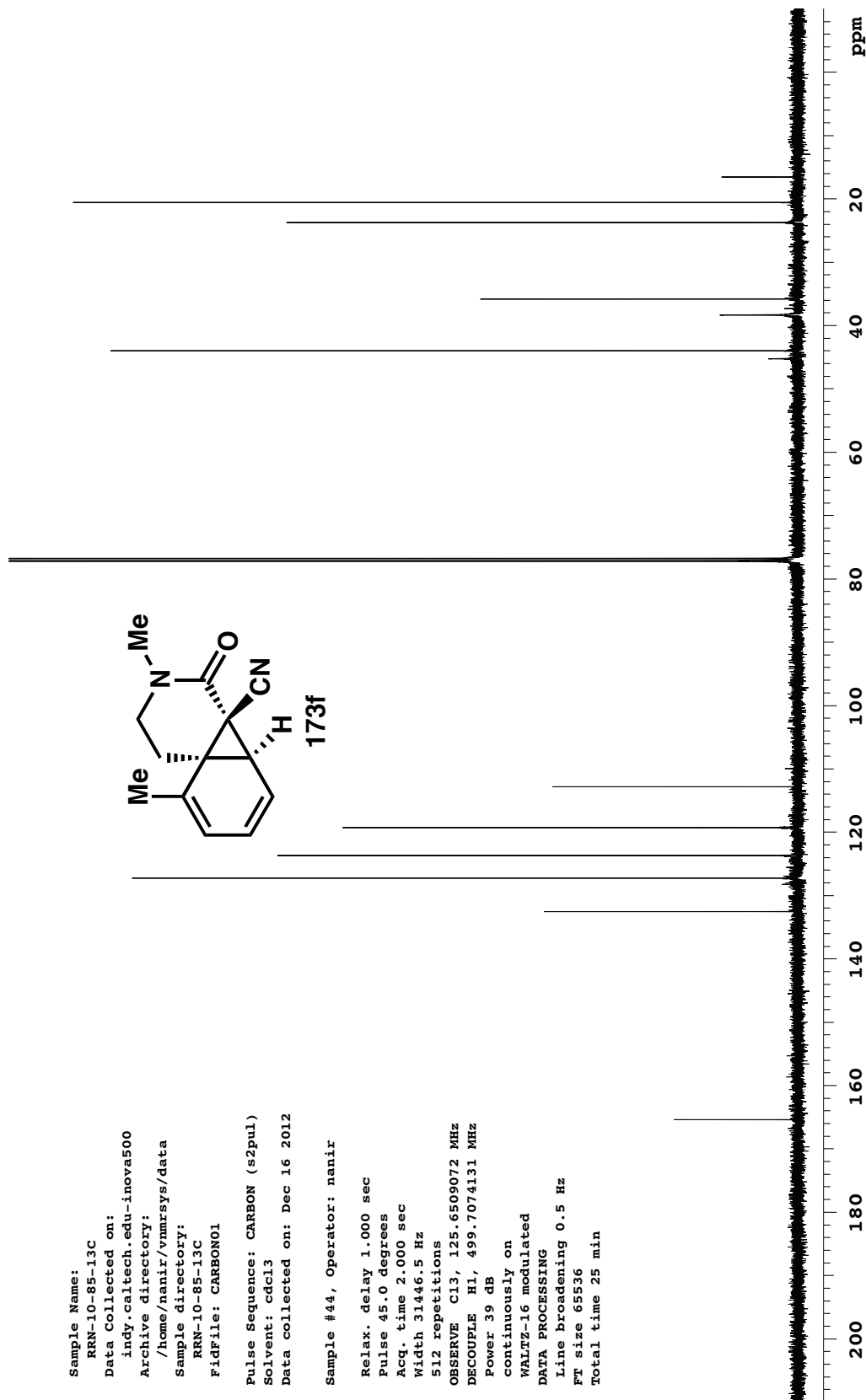
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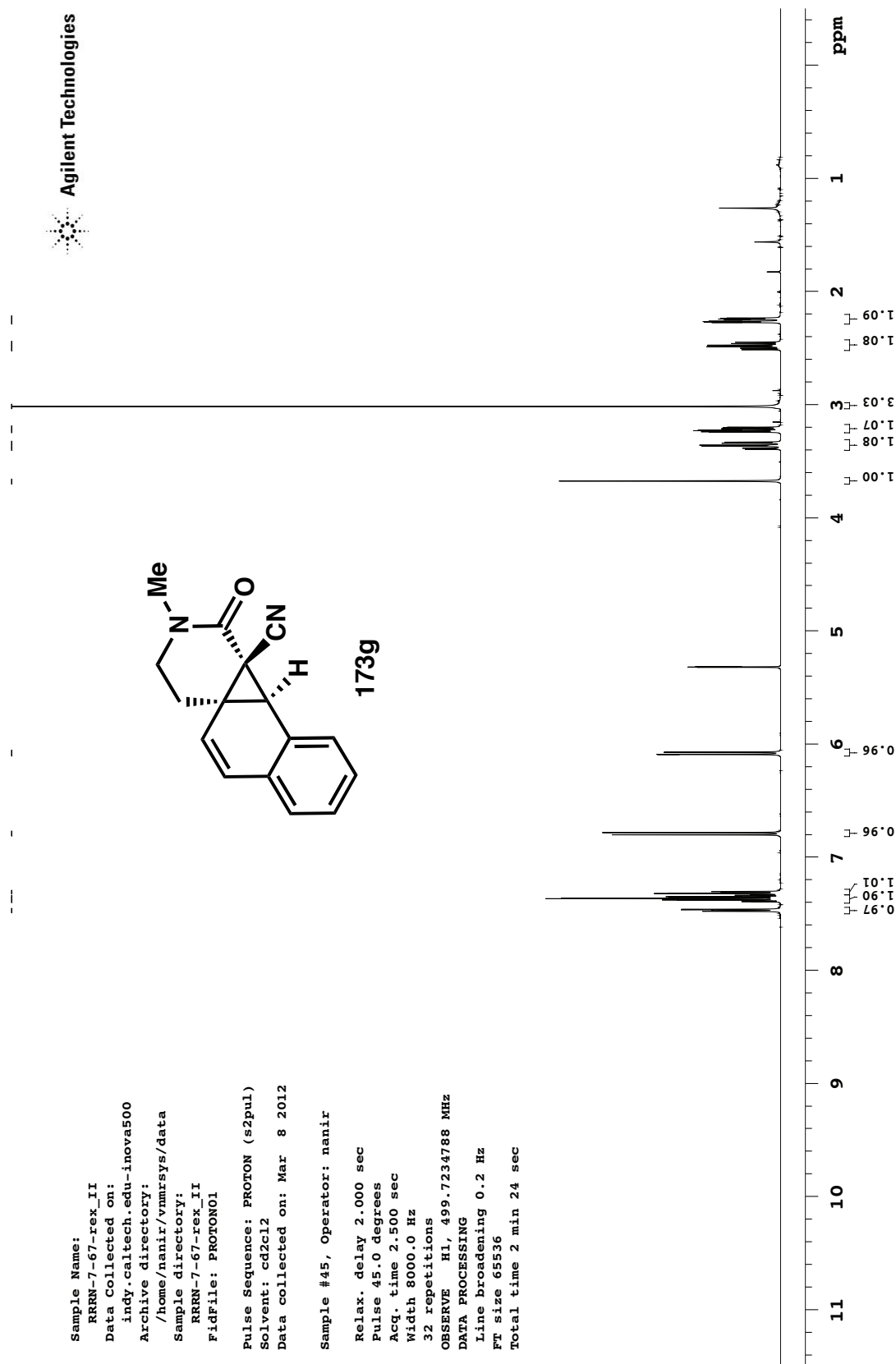




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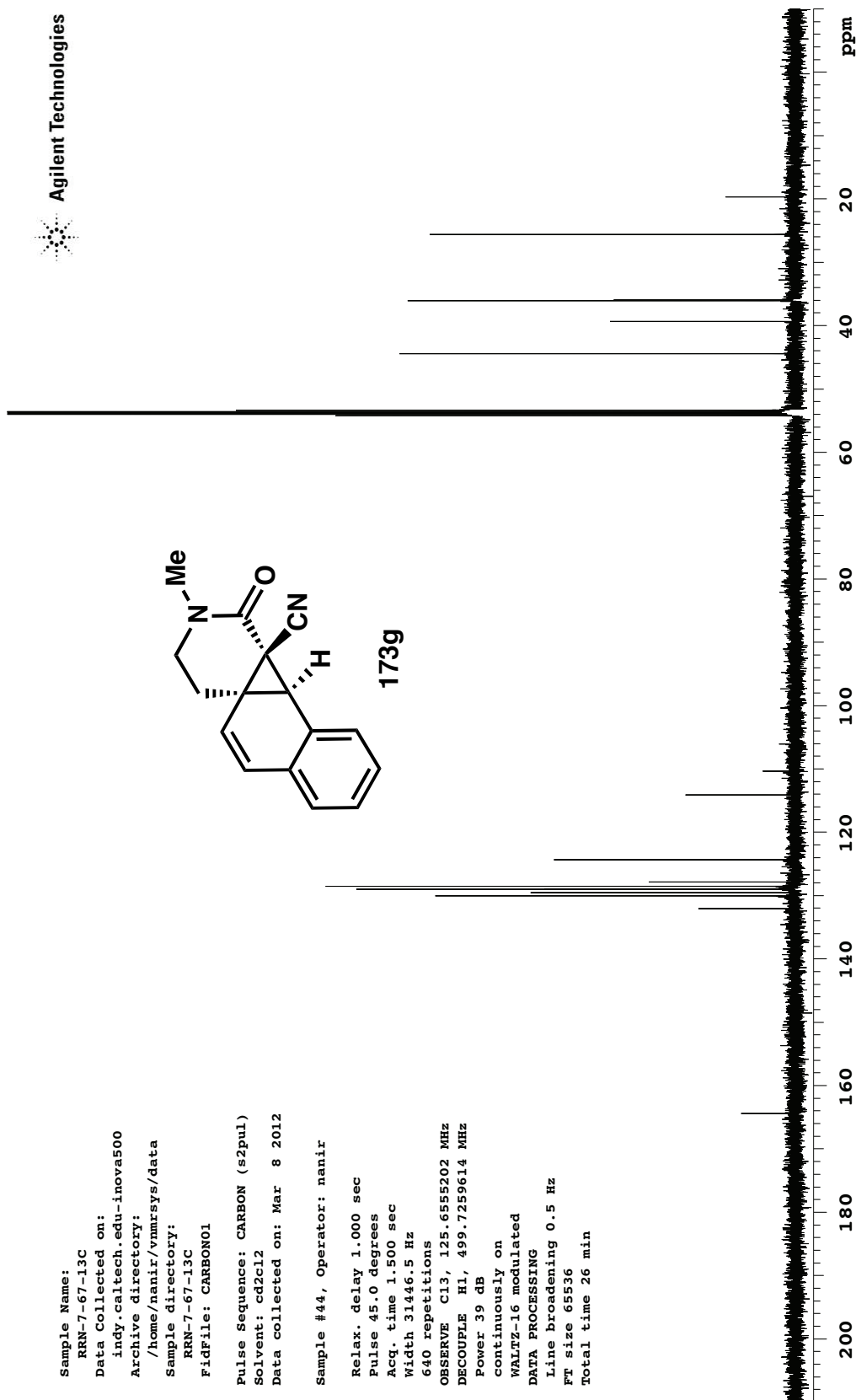
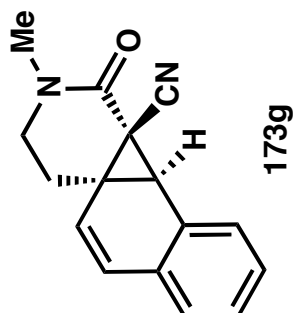




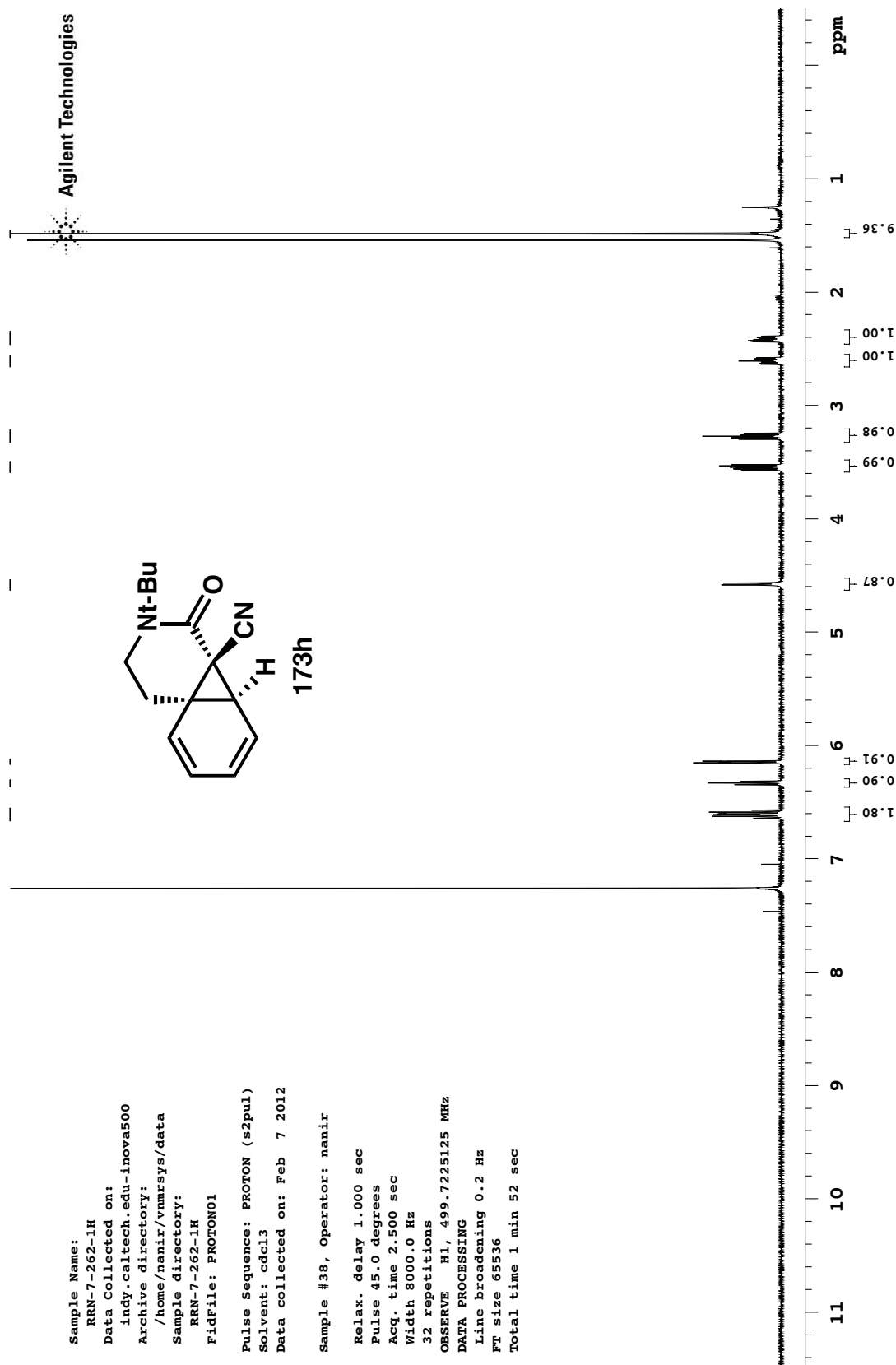


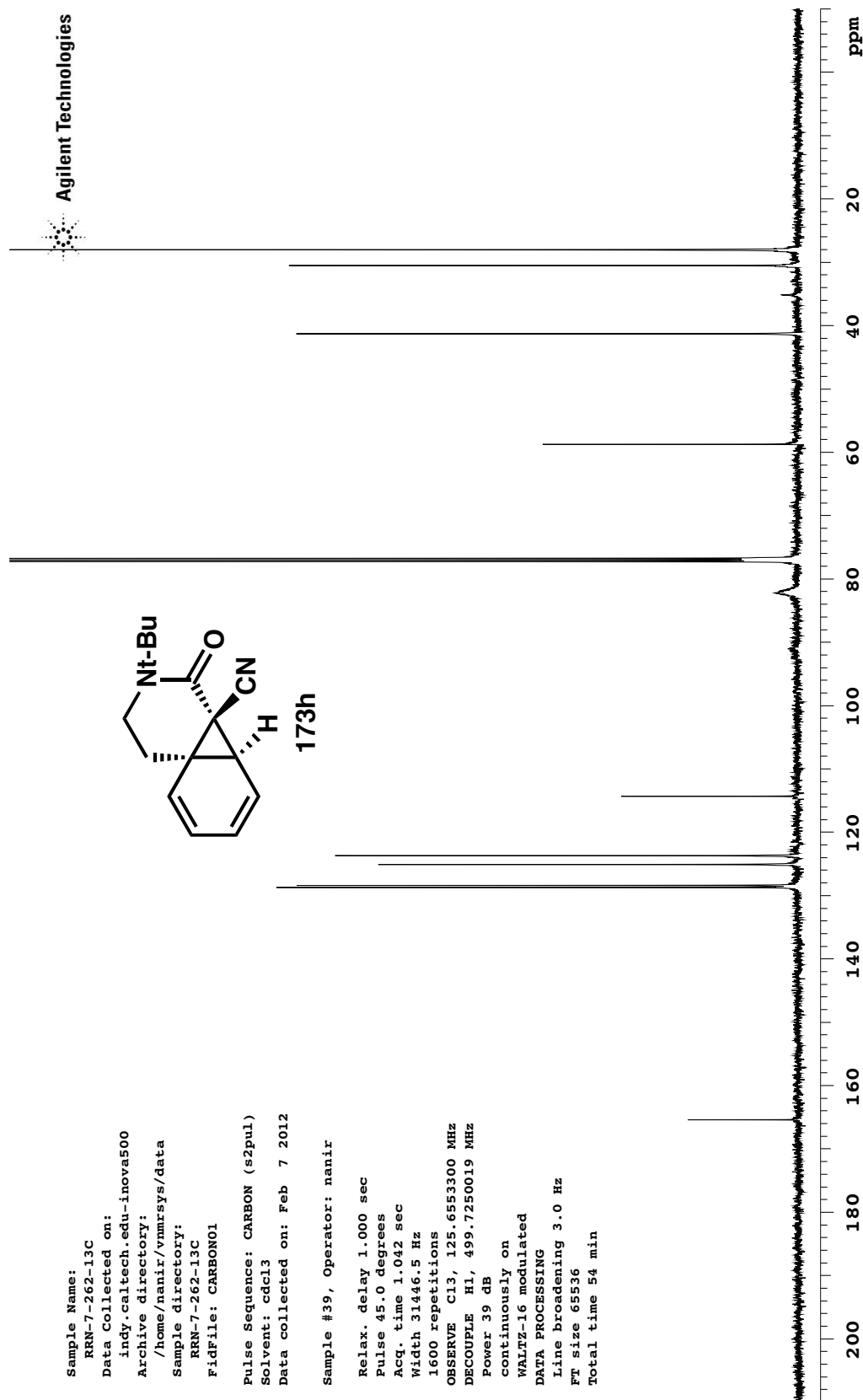


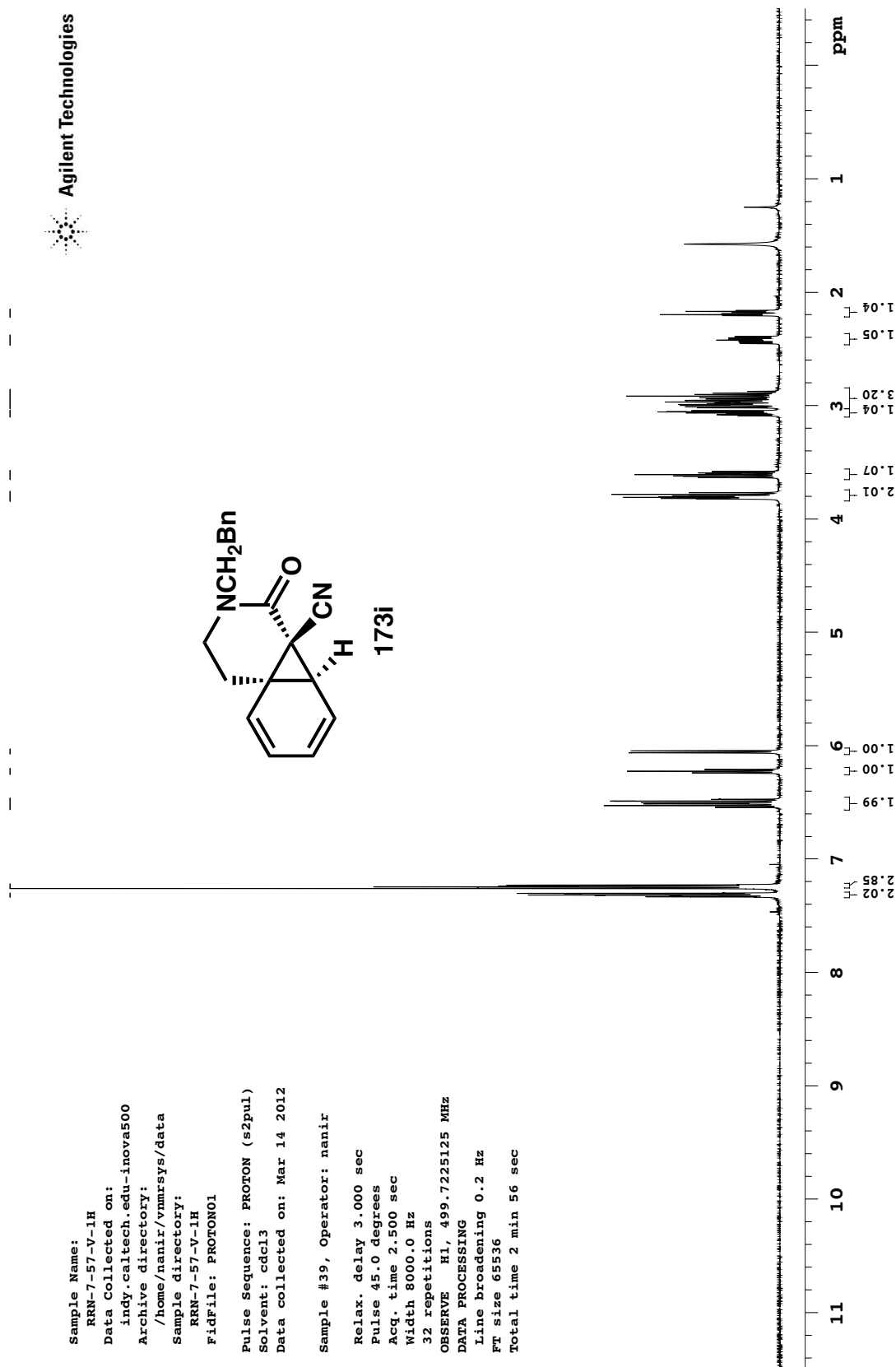
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Data Collected on:
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Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-7-67-13C
FidFile: CARBON01
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cd2cl2
Data collected on: Mar 8 2012
Sample #44, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.500 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
640 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6555202 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7259614 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 26 min



Plotname: --Not assigned--



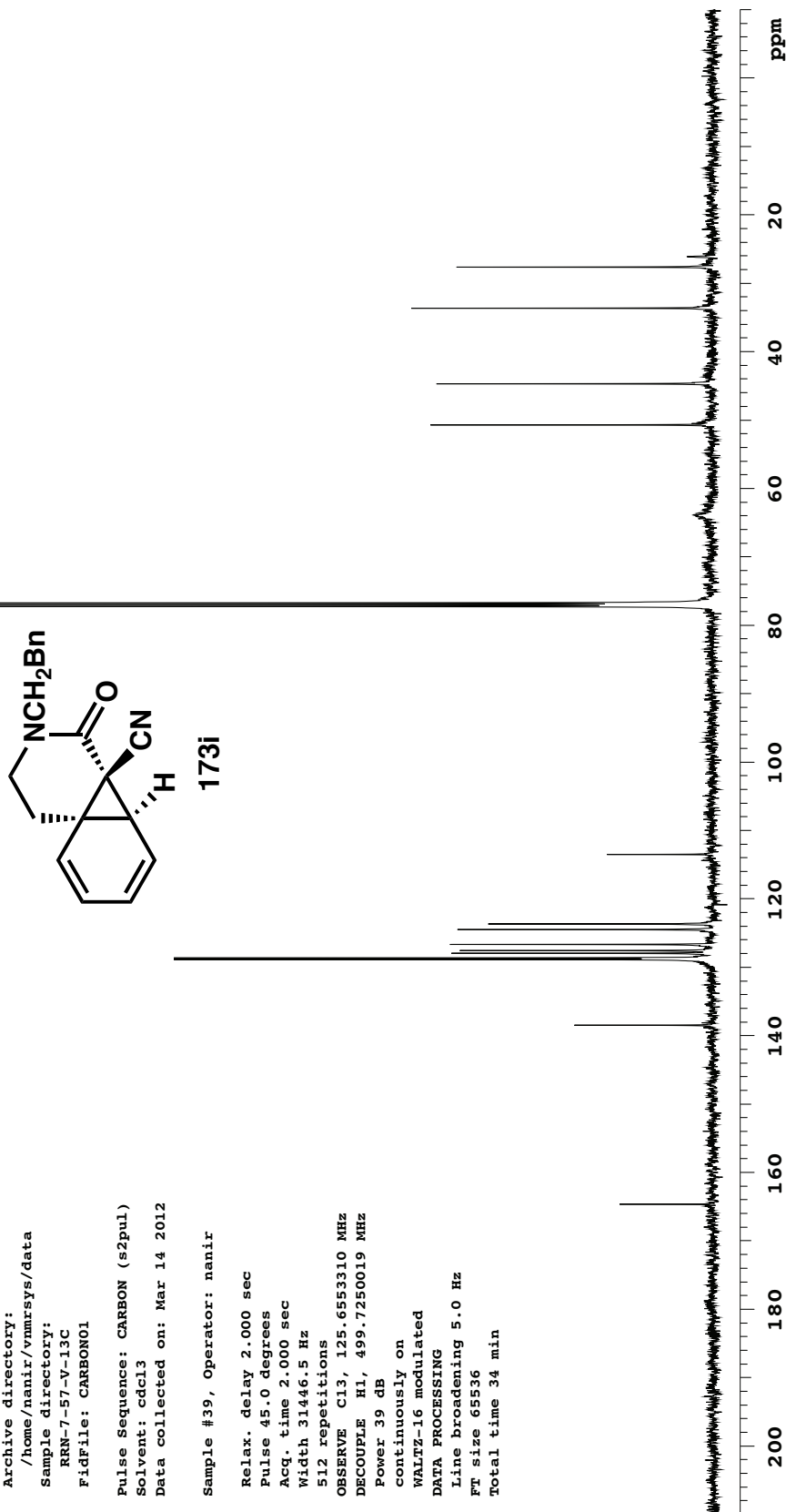




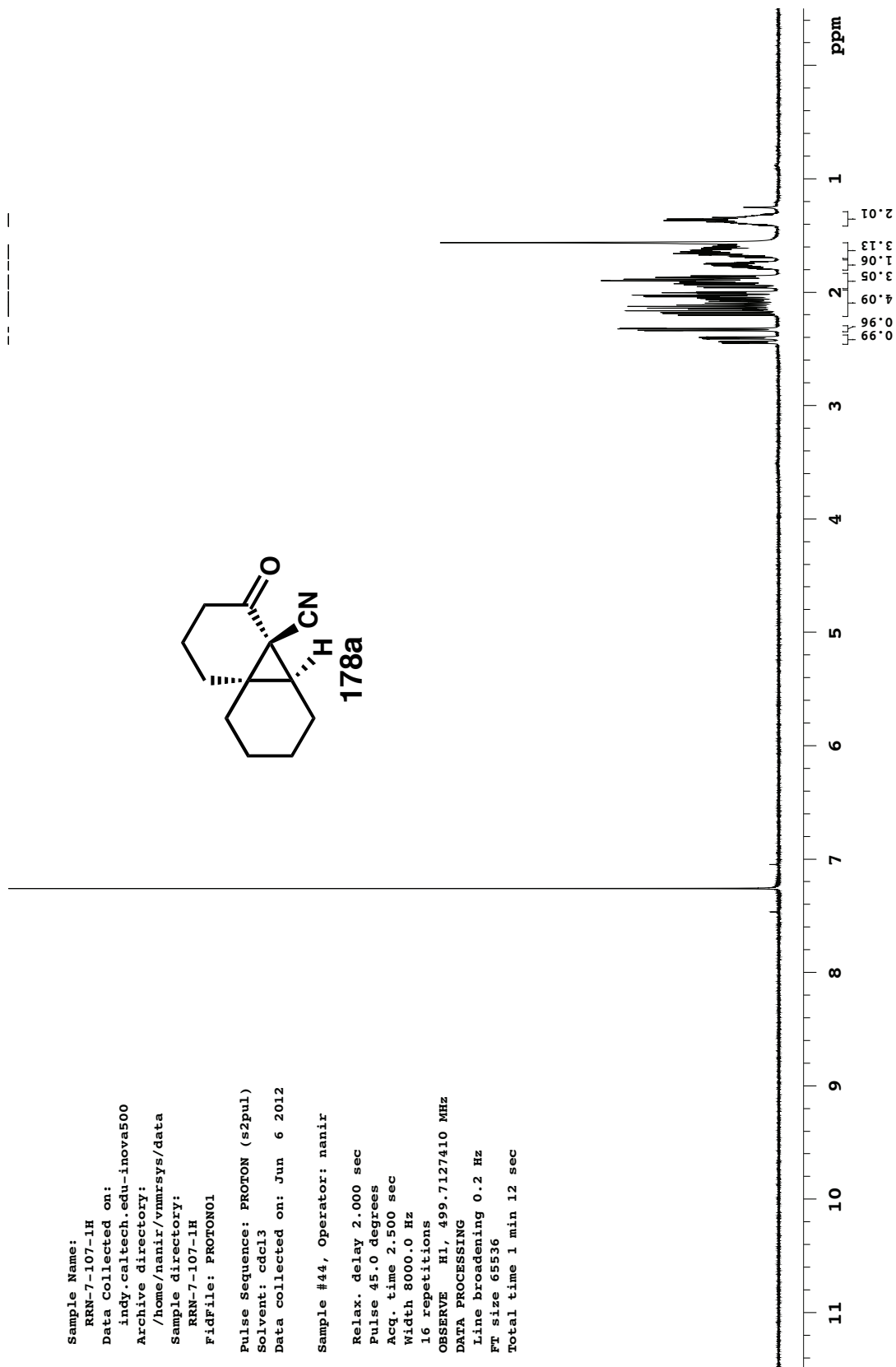
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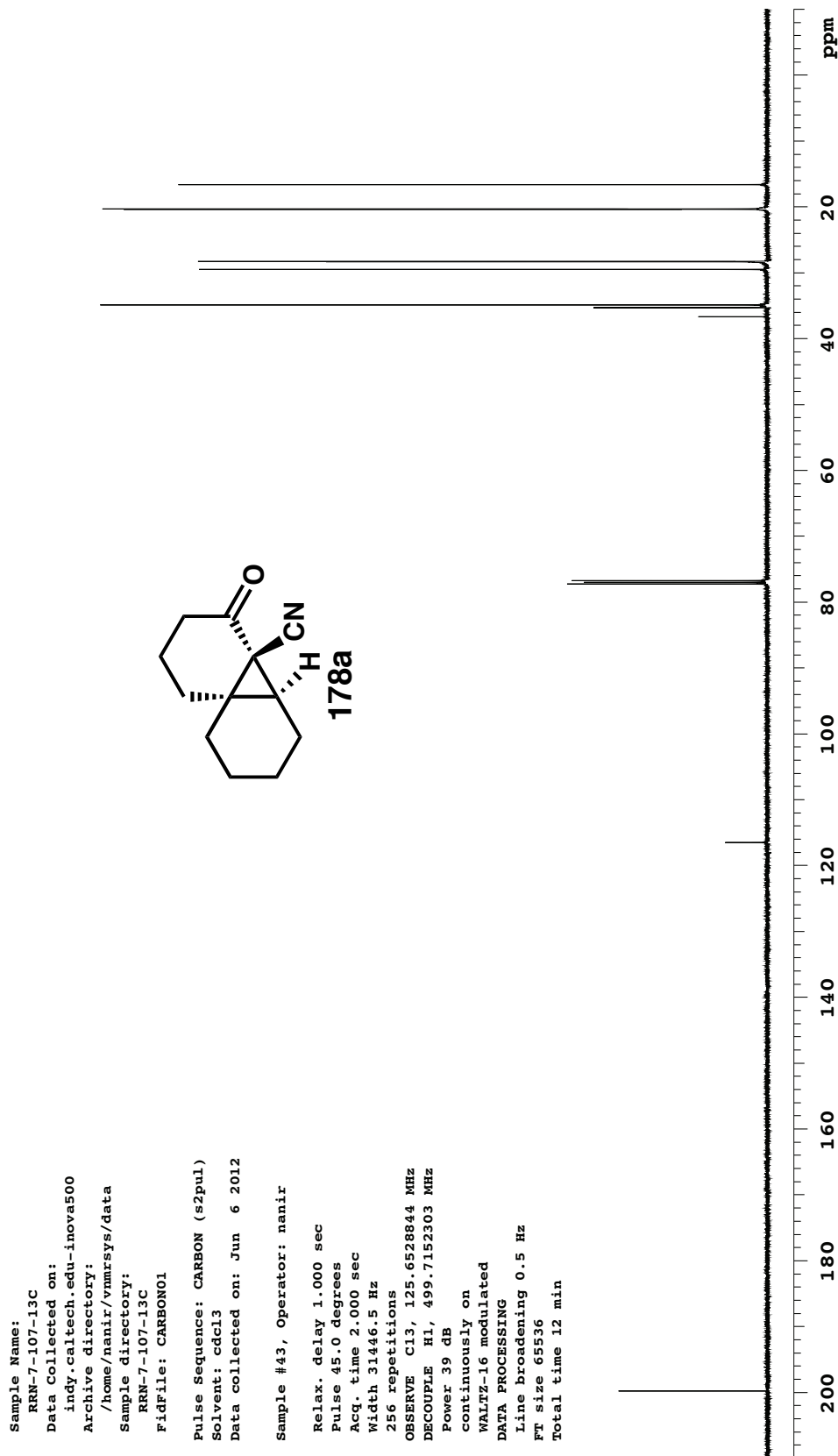


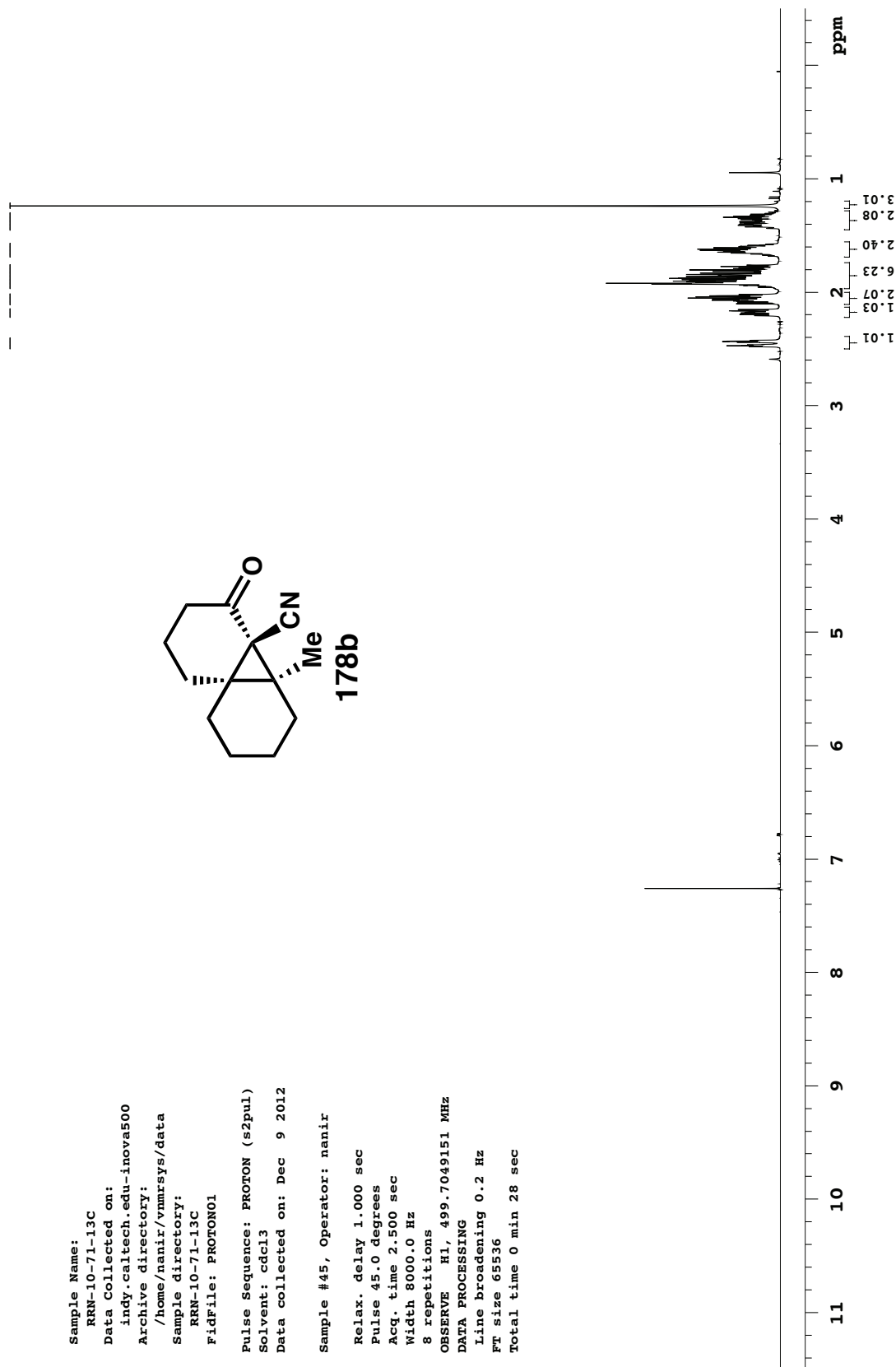
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Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-7-57-V-13C
FidFile: CARBON01
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Mar 14 2012
Sample #39, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 2.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.000 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
512 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6553310 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7250019 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 5.0 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 34 min

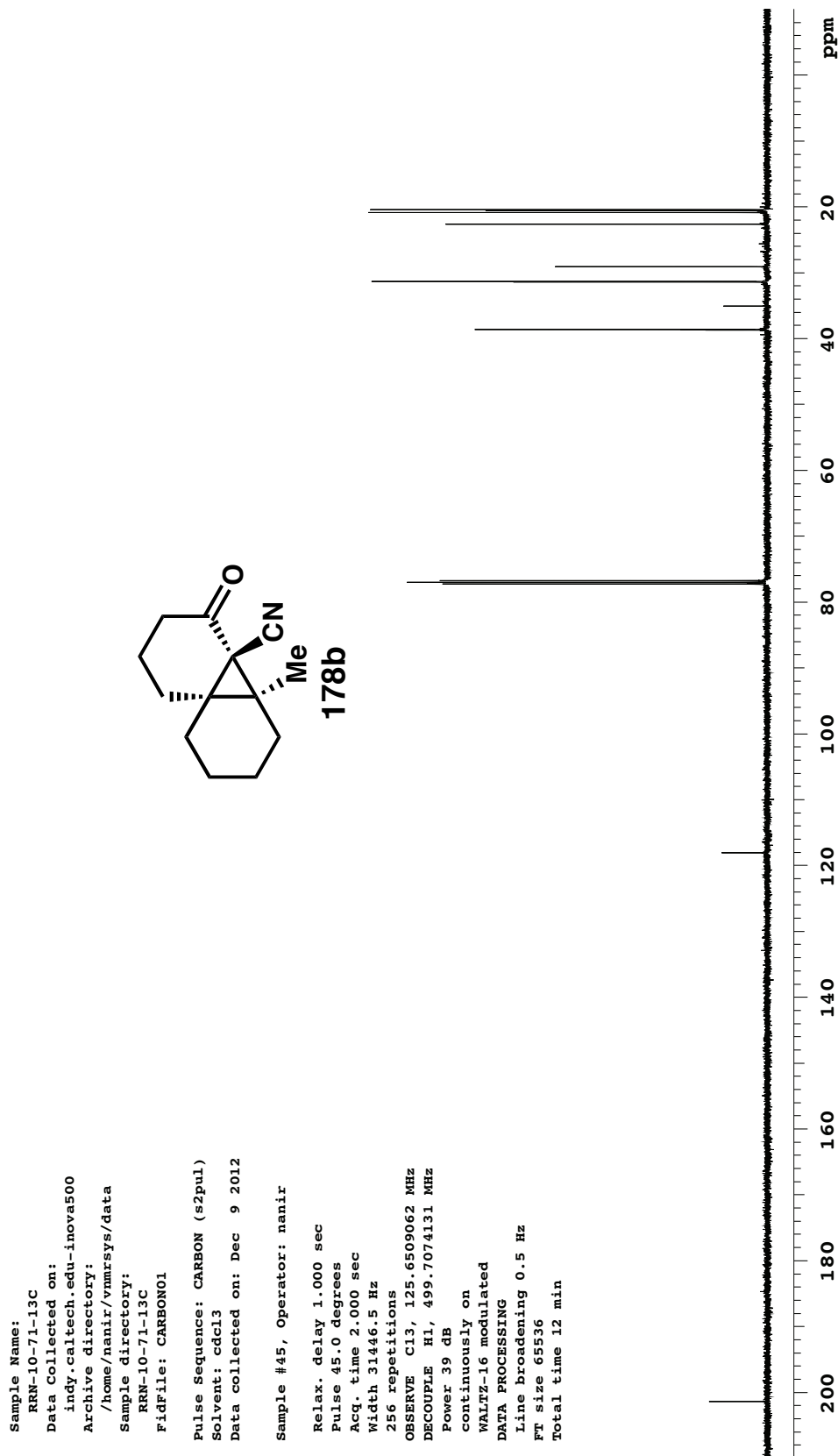


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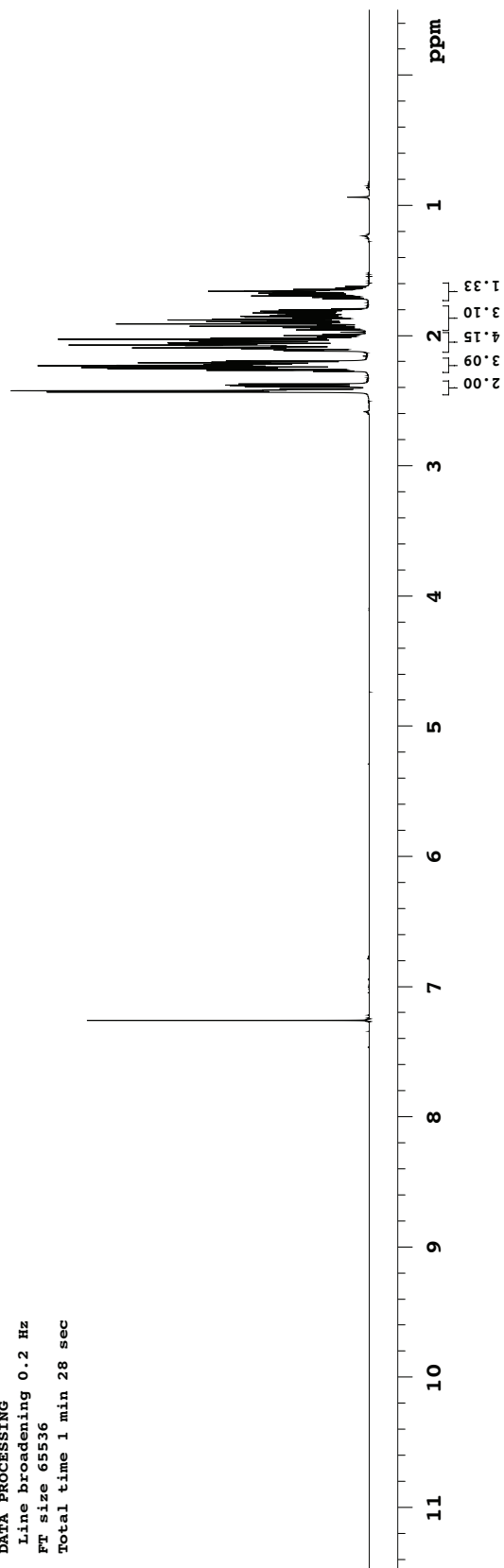
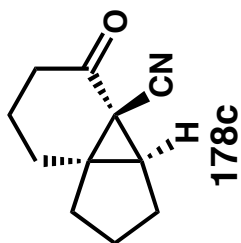


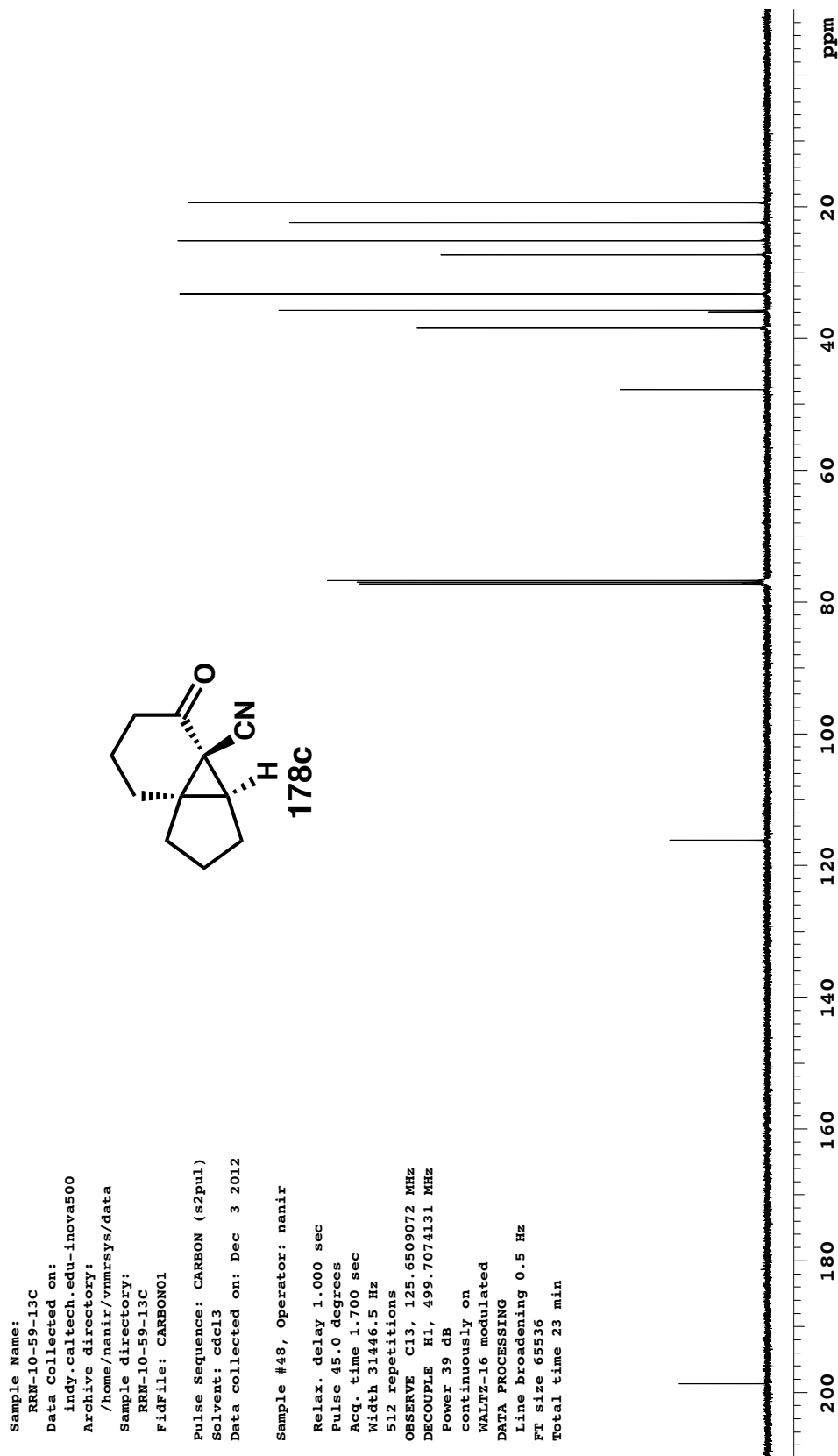




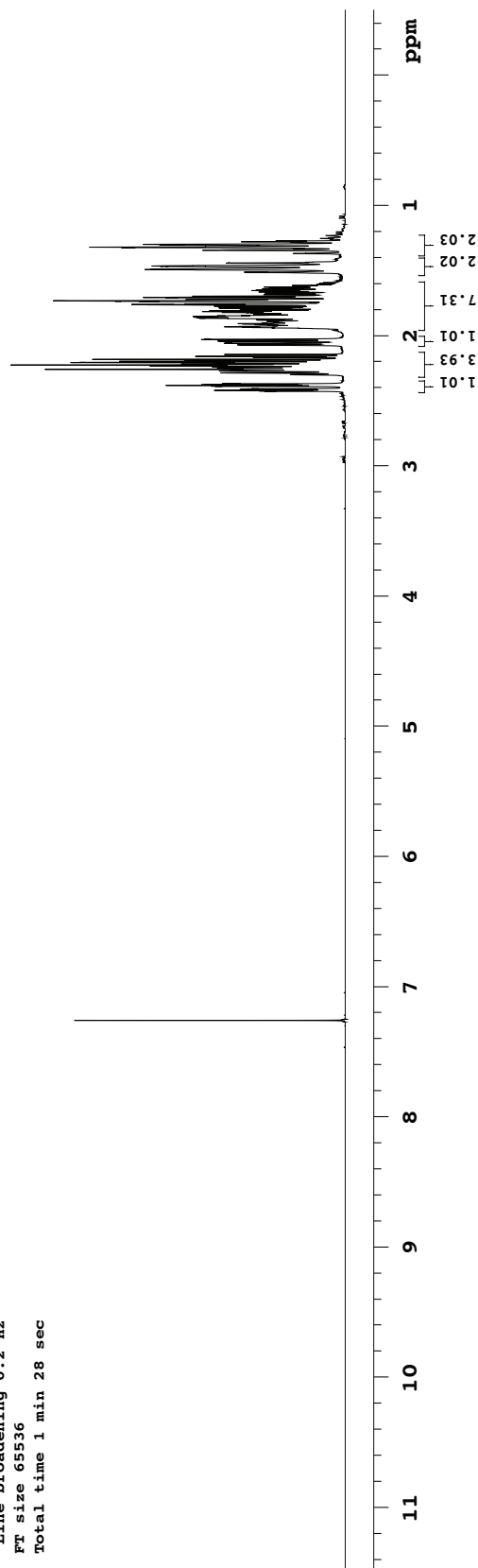
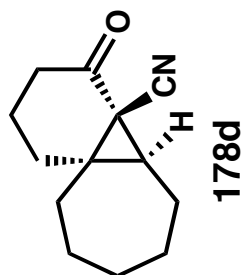


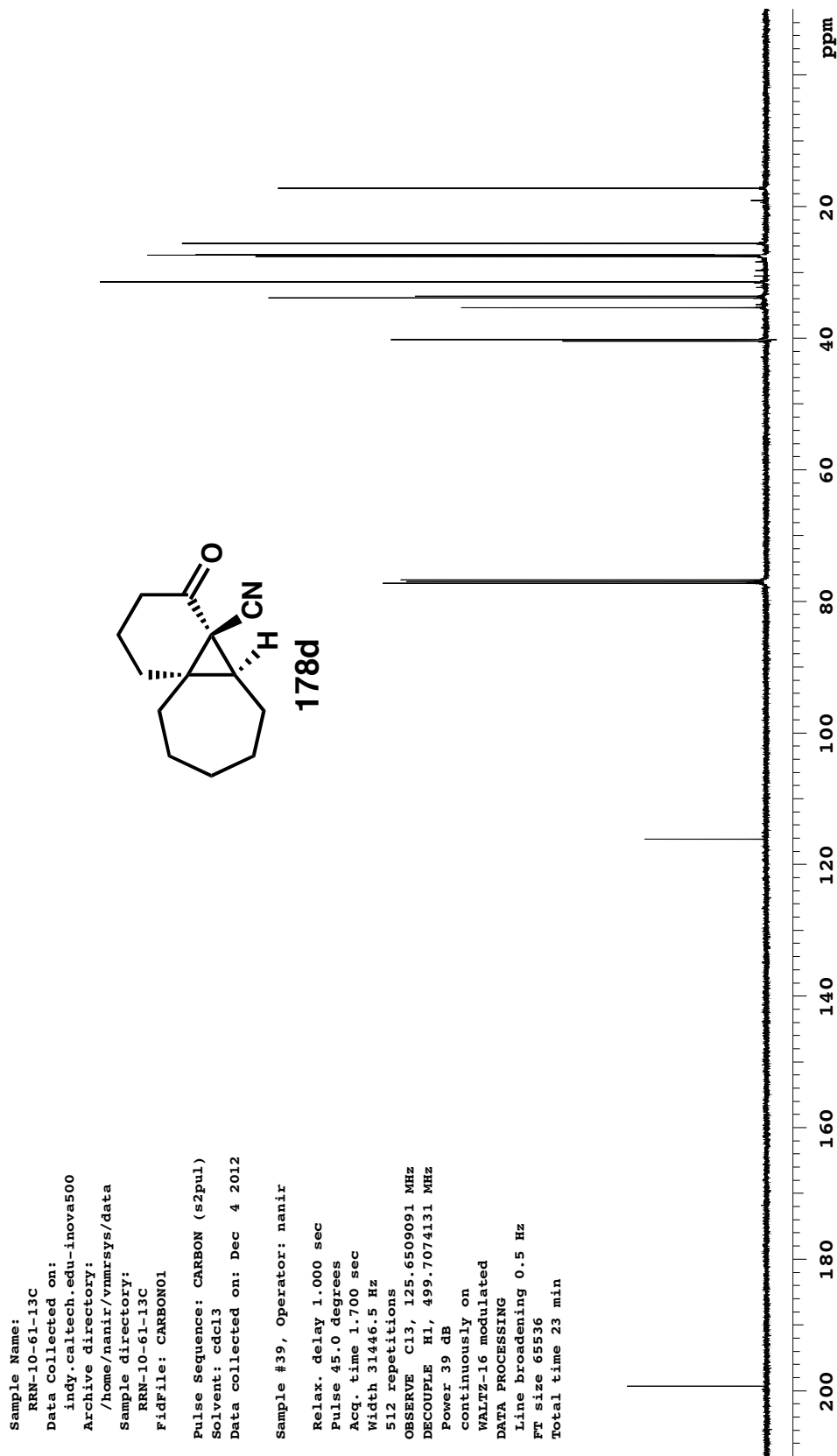
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Data Collected on: indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory: /home/nanir/vnmrSYS/data
Sample directory: RRN-10-59-13C
FidFile: PROTON01
Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Dec 3 2012
Sample #48, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 3.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
16 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7049151 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 1 min 28 sec

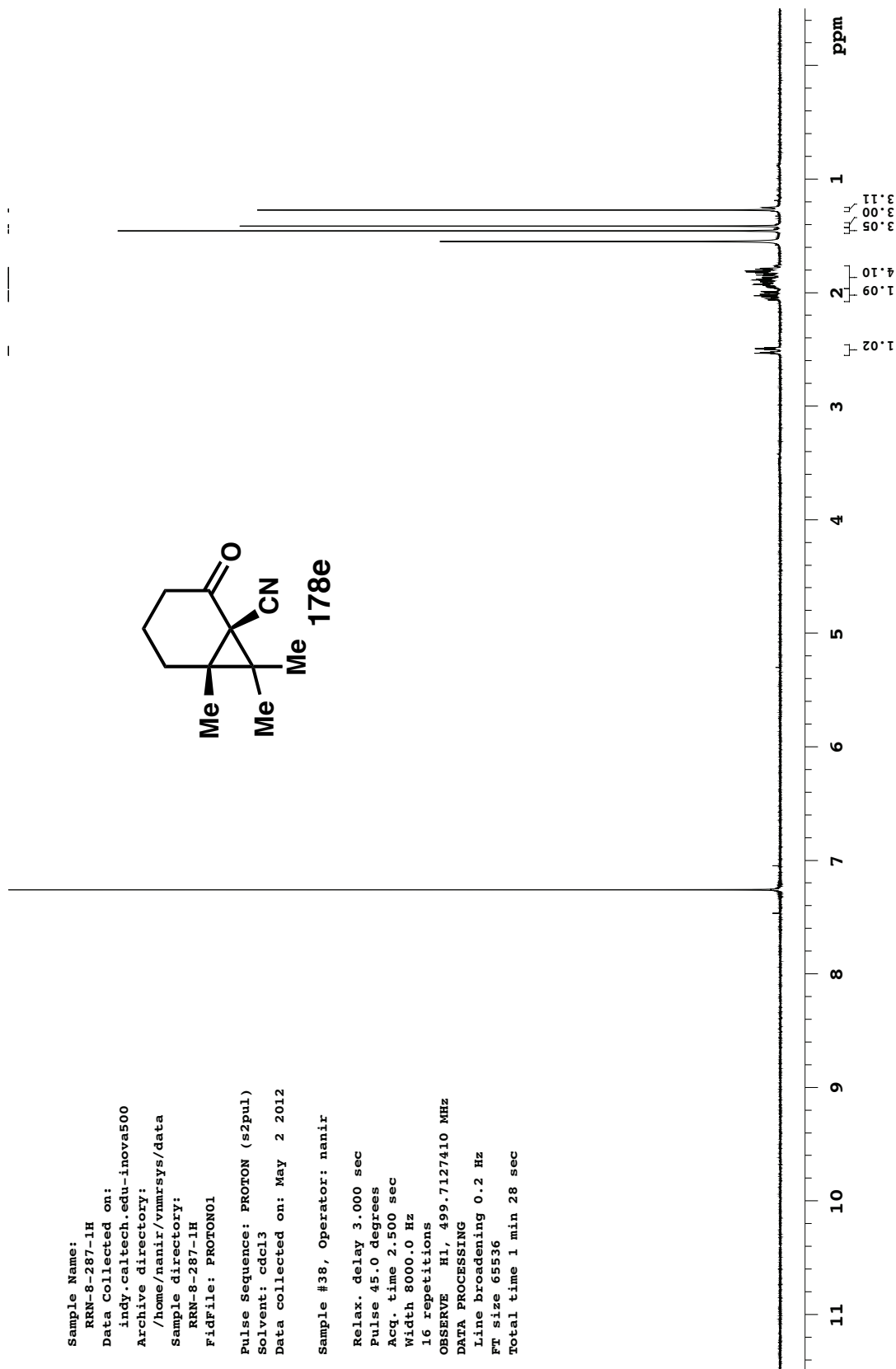


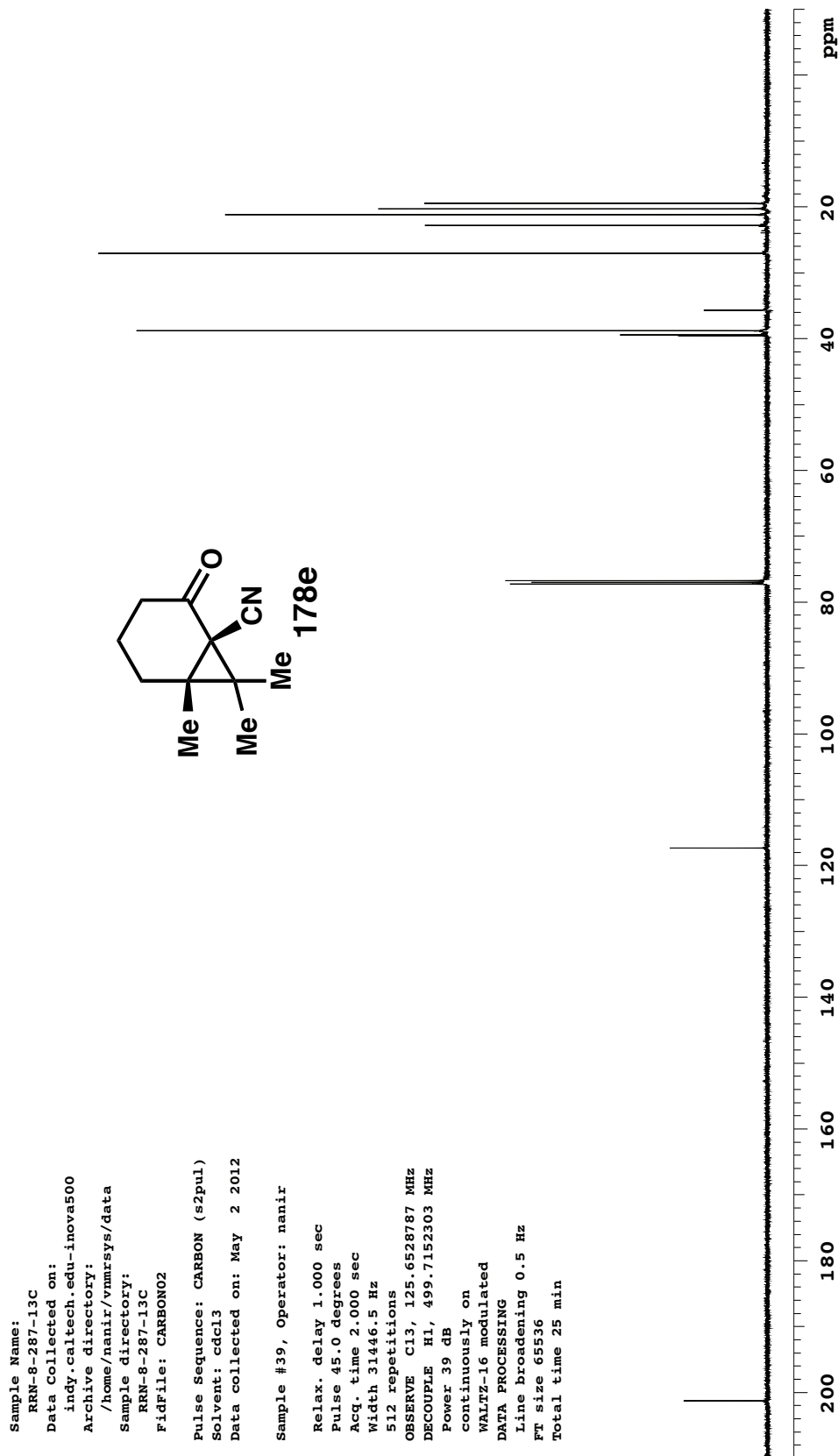


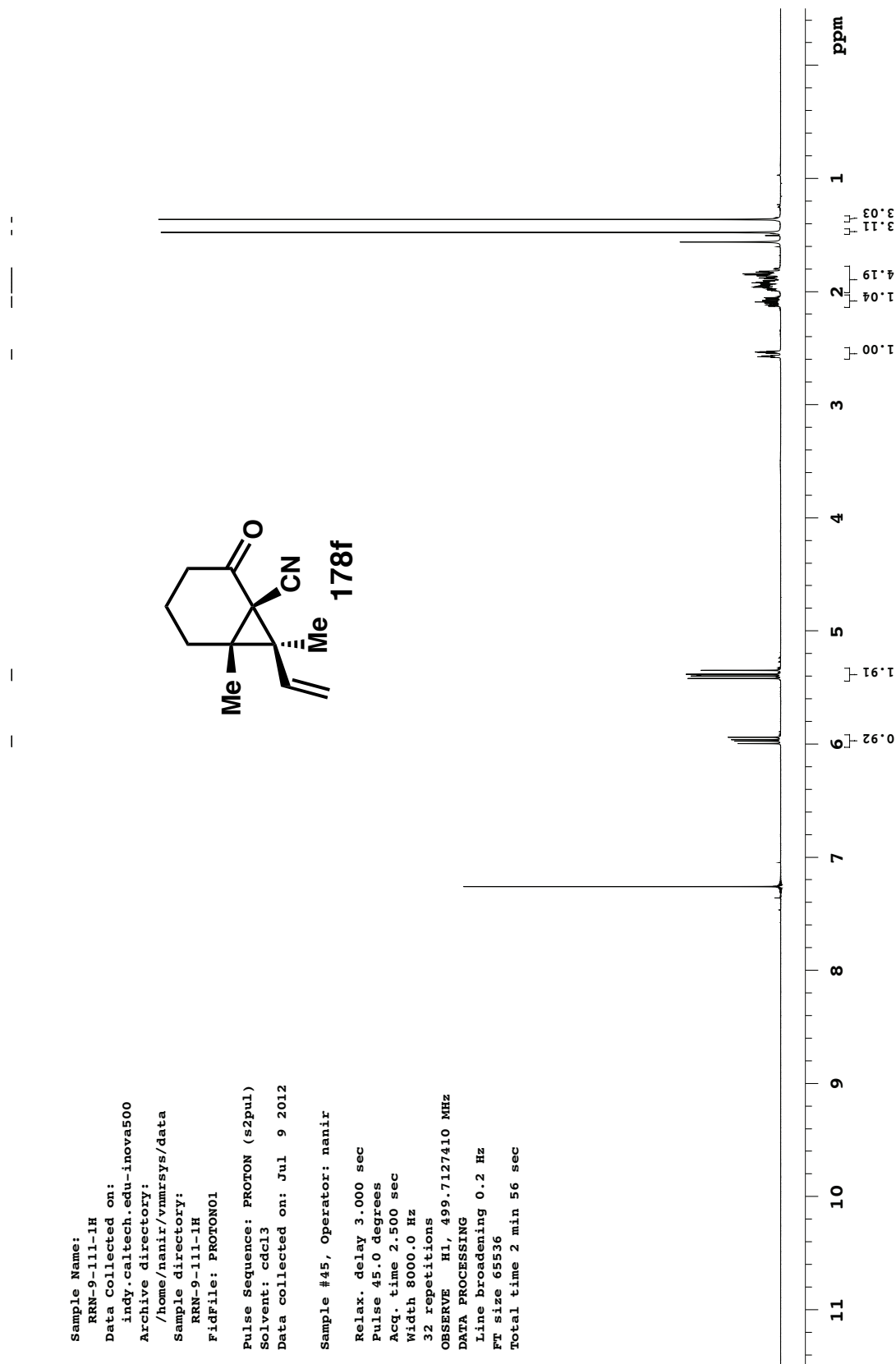
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Data Collected on: indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory: /home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory: RRN-10-61-13C
FidFile: PROTON01
Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Dec 4 2012
Sample #39, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 3.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
16 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7049151 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 1 min 28 sec







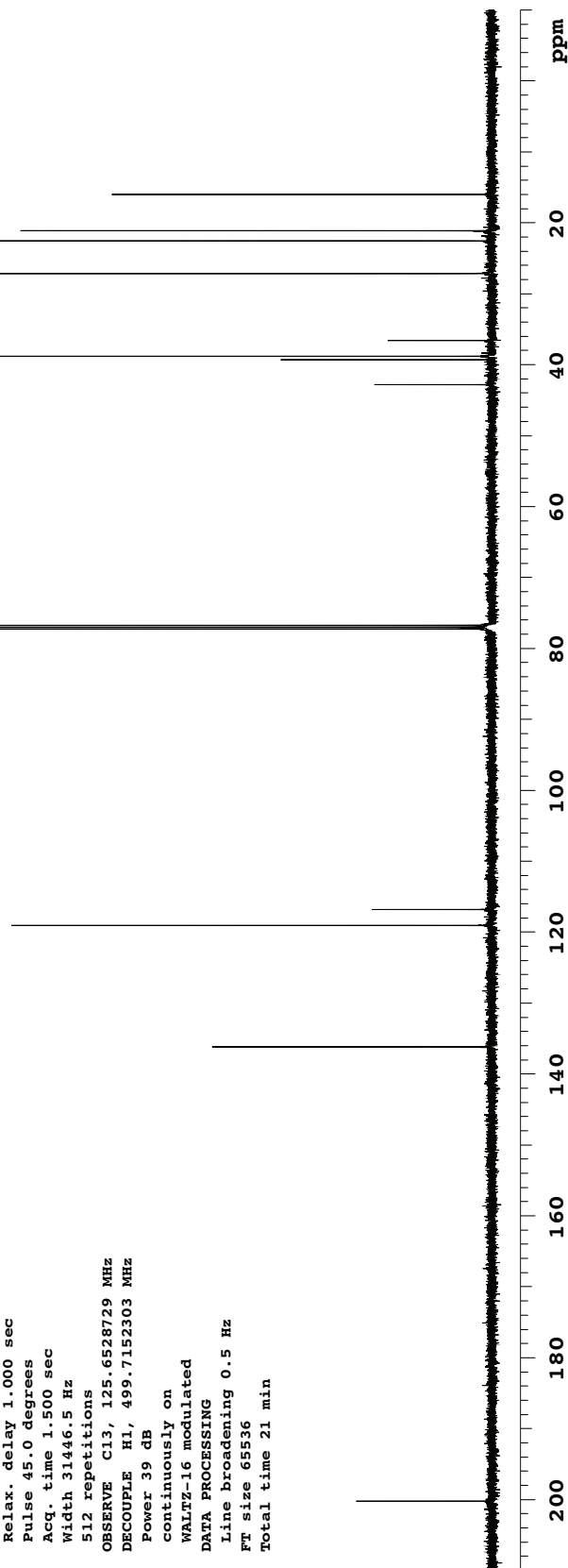
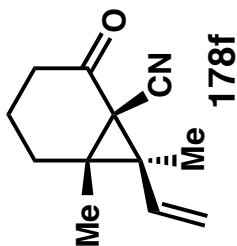


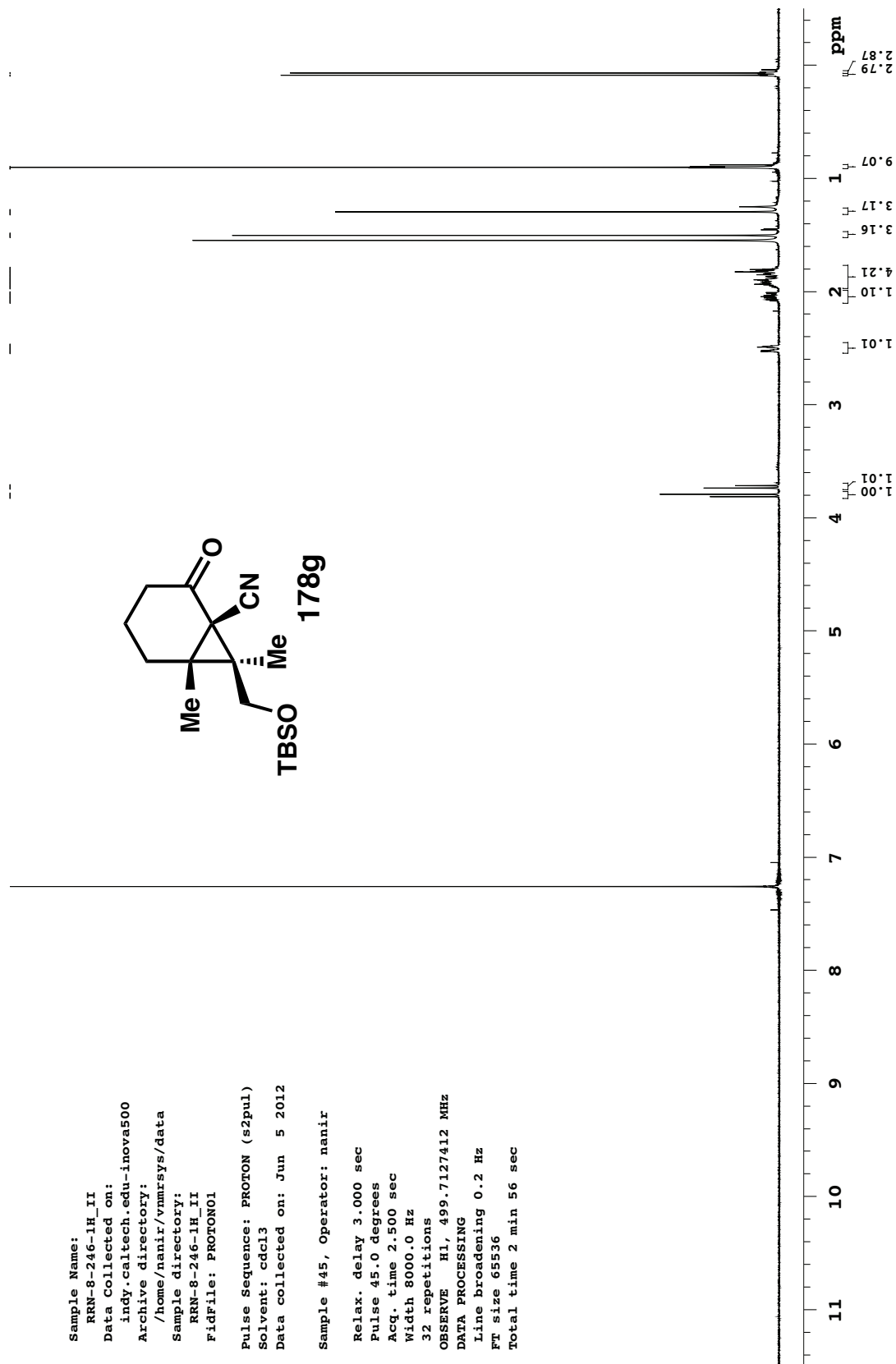


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Archive directory: /home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory: RRN-9-111-13C_II
FidFile: CARBON01

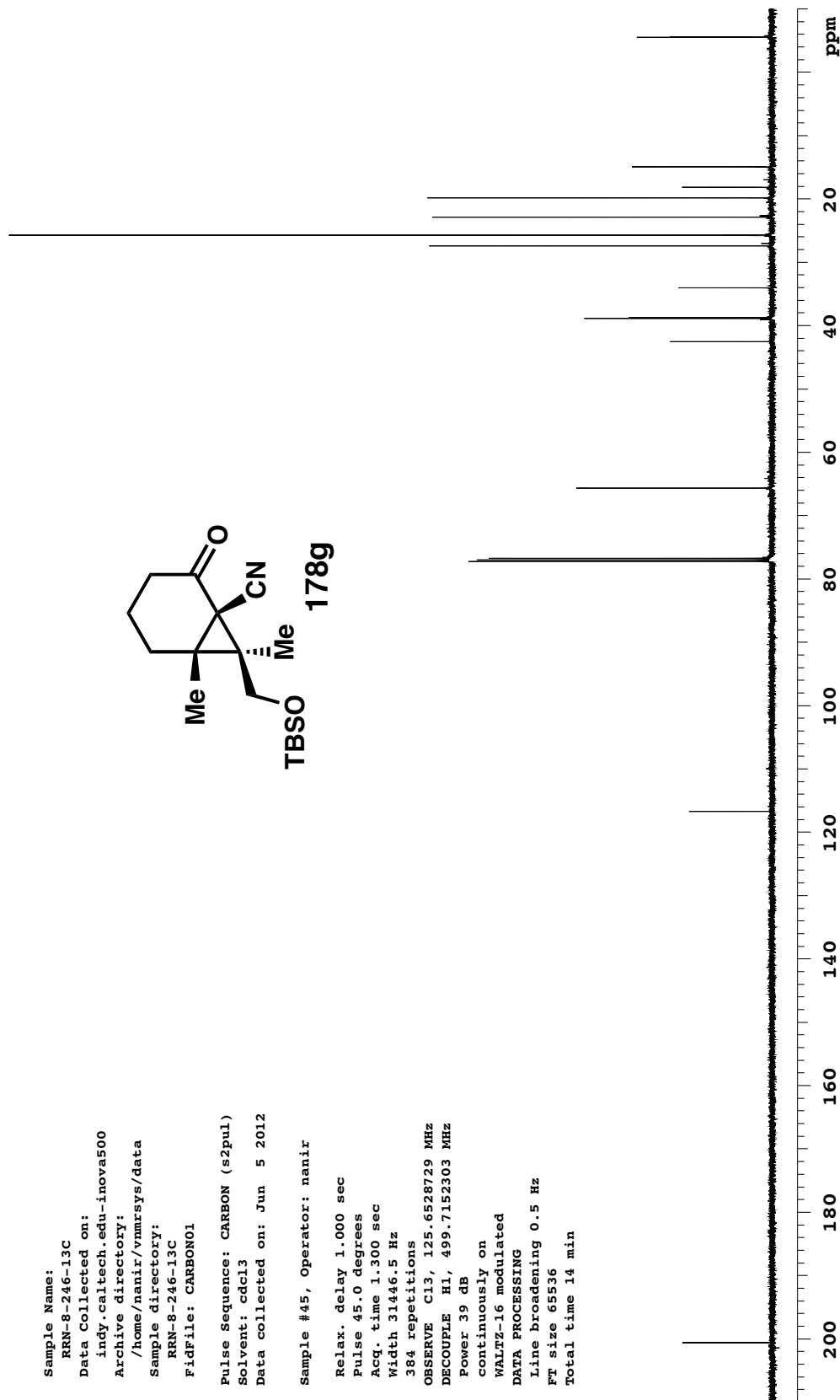
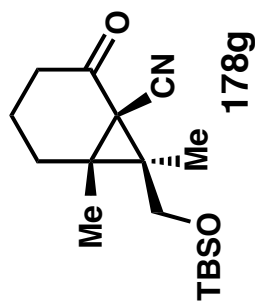
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Jul 9 2012

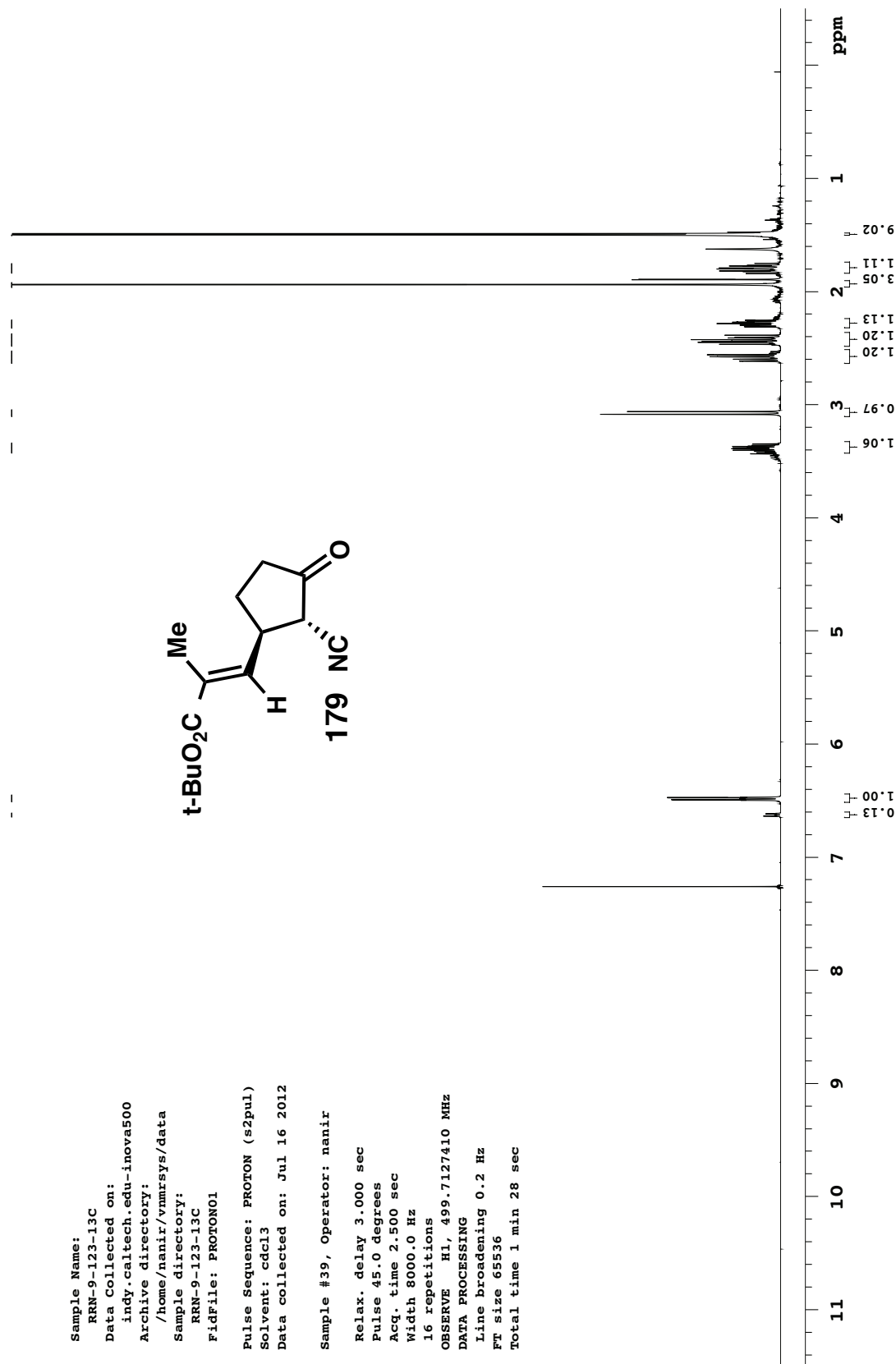
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Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.500 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
512 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6528729 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7152303 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 21 min

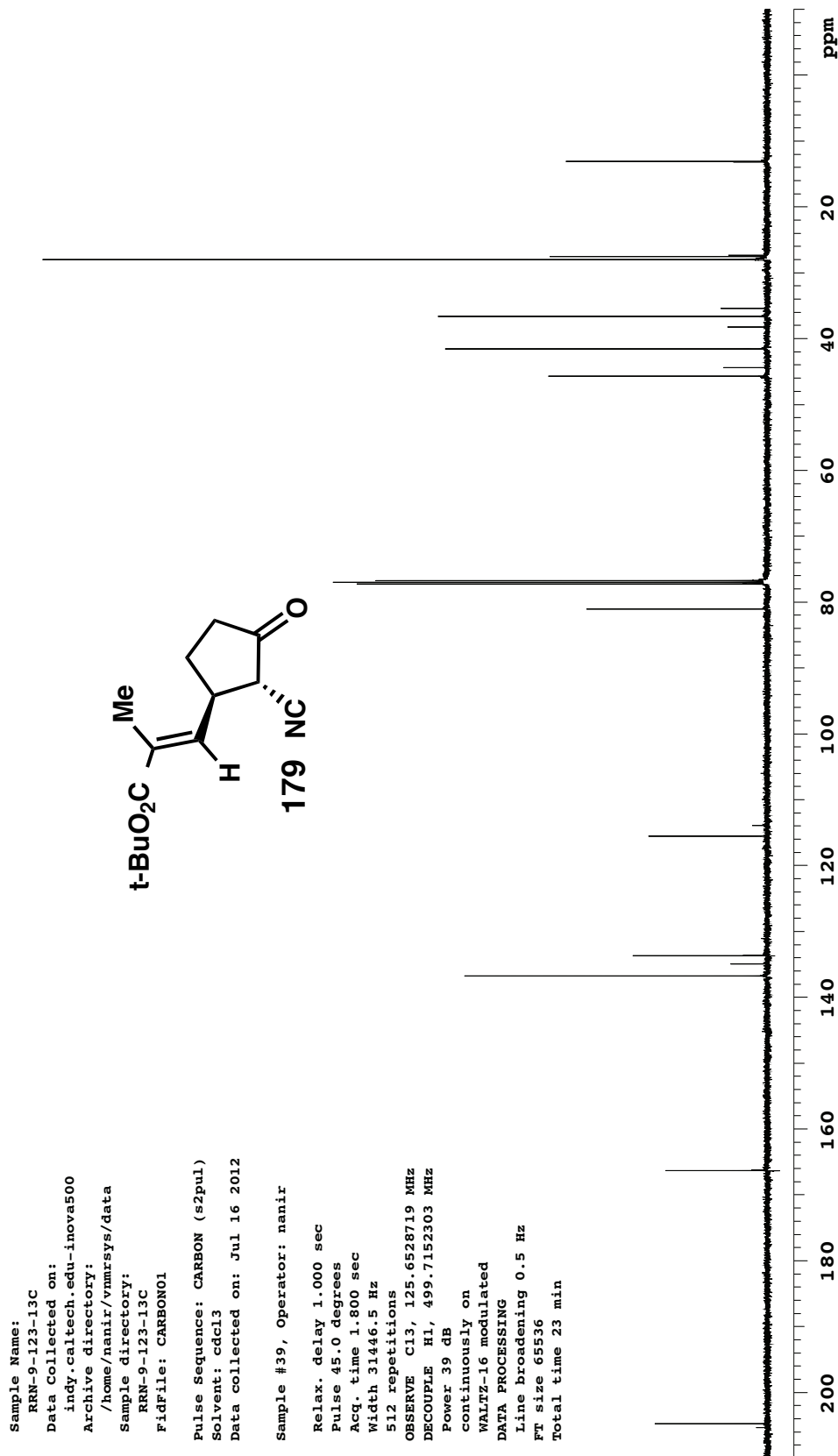


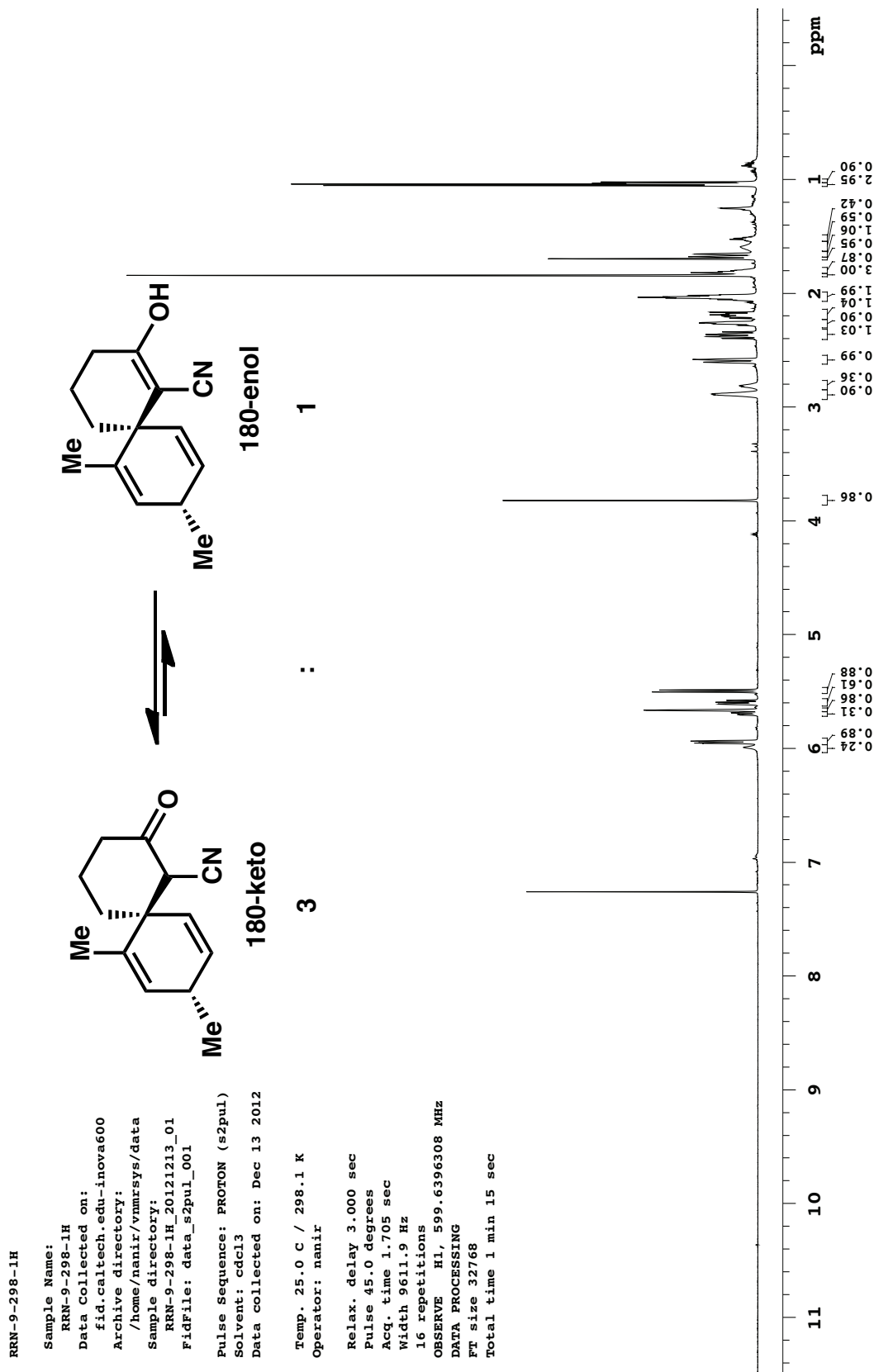


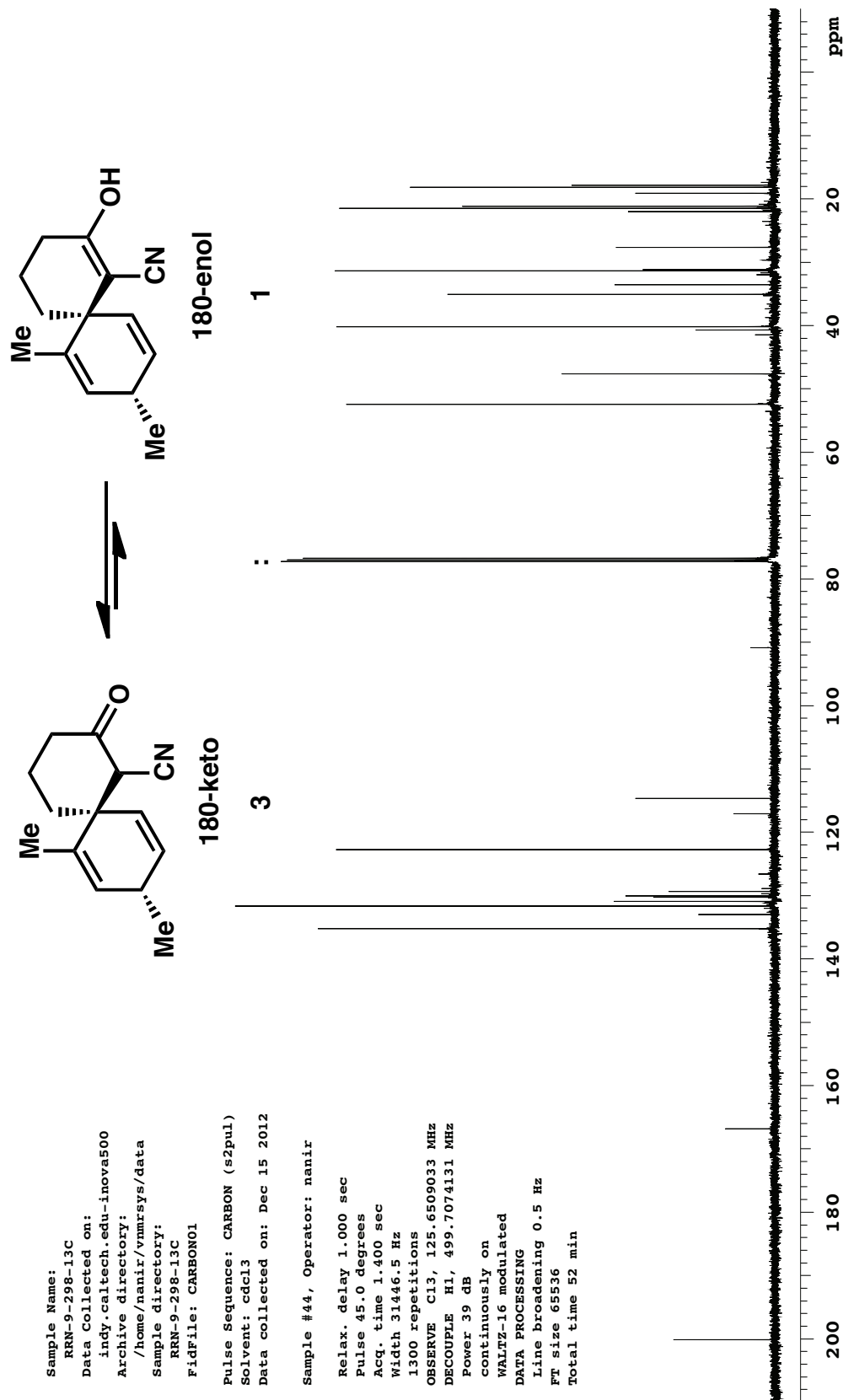
Sample Name: RRN-8-246-13C
Data Collected on: indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory: /home/nanir/vmrsys/data
Sample directory: RRN-8-246-13C
FidFile: CARBON01
Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Jun 5 2012
Sample #45, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.300 sec
Width 31446.5 Hz
384 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 125.6528729 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 499.7152303 MHz
Power 39 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.5 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 14 min

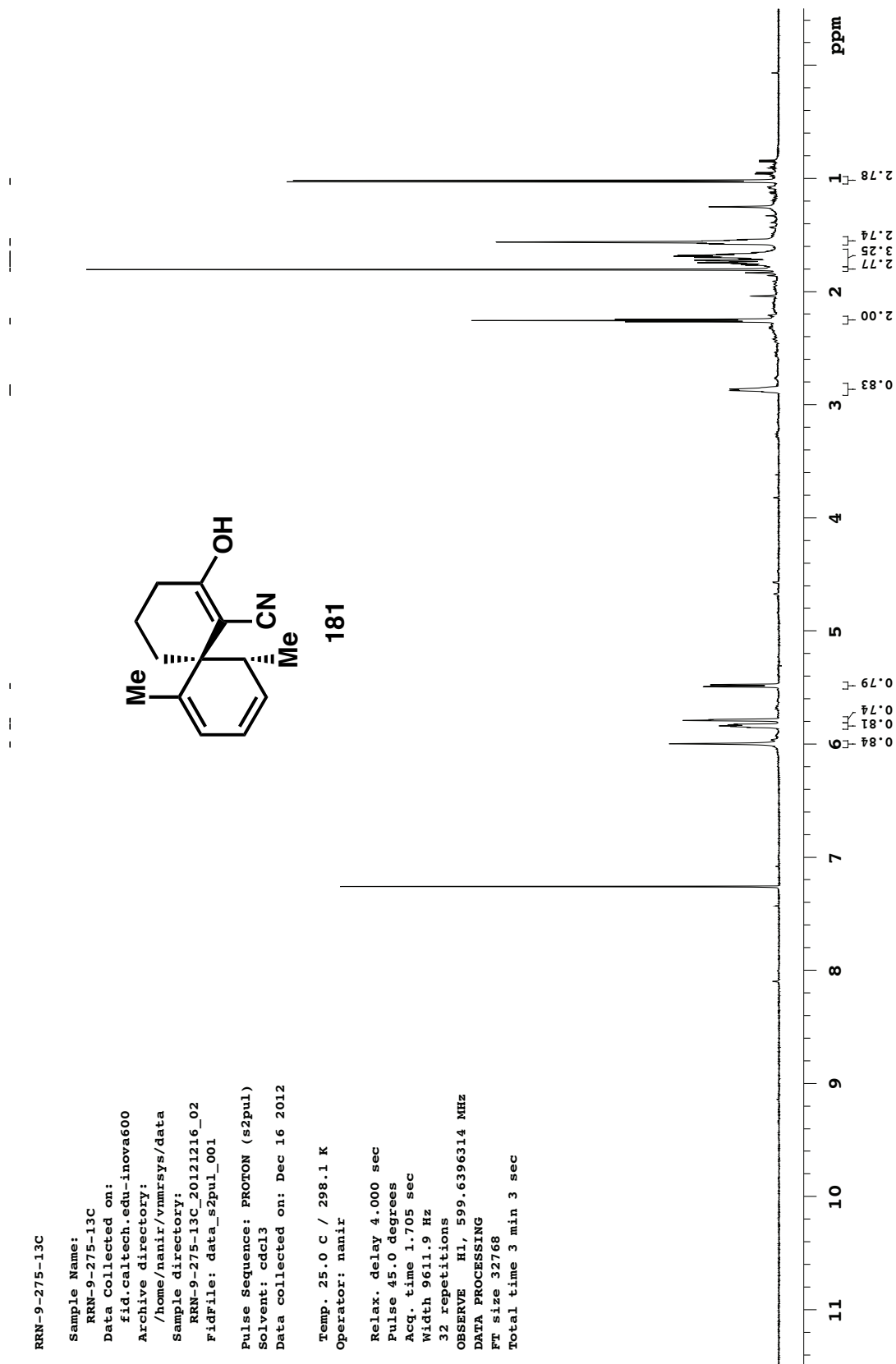


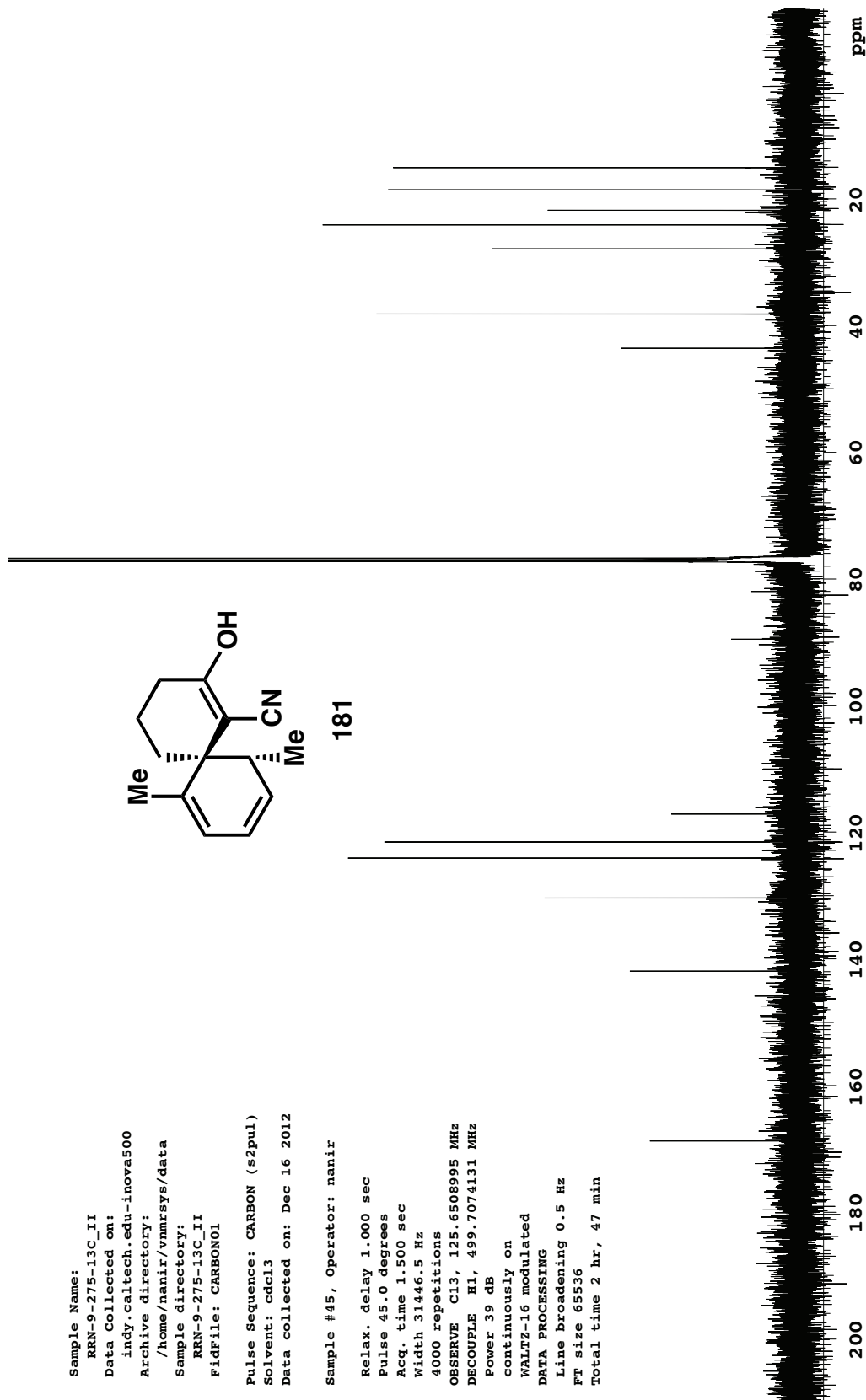


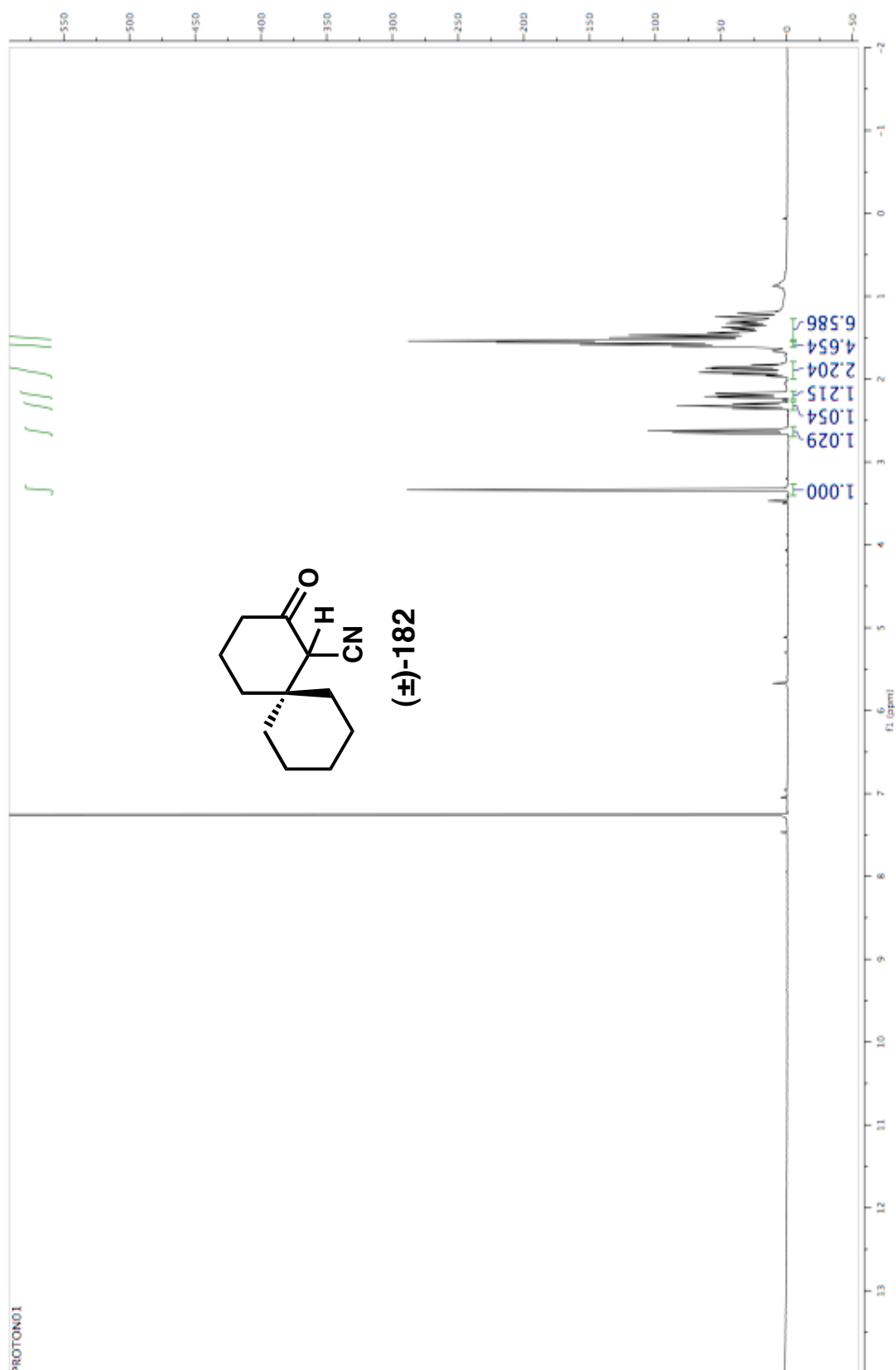


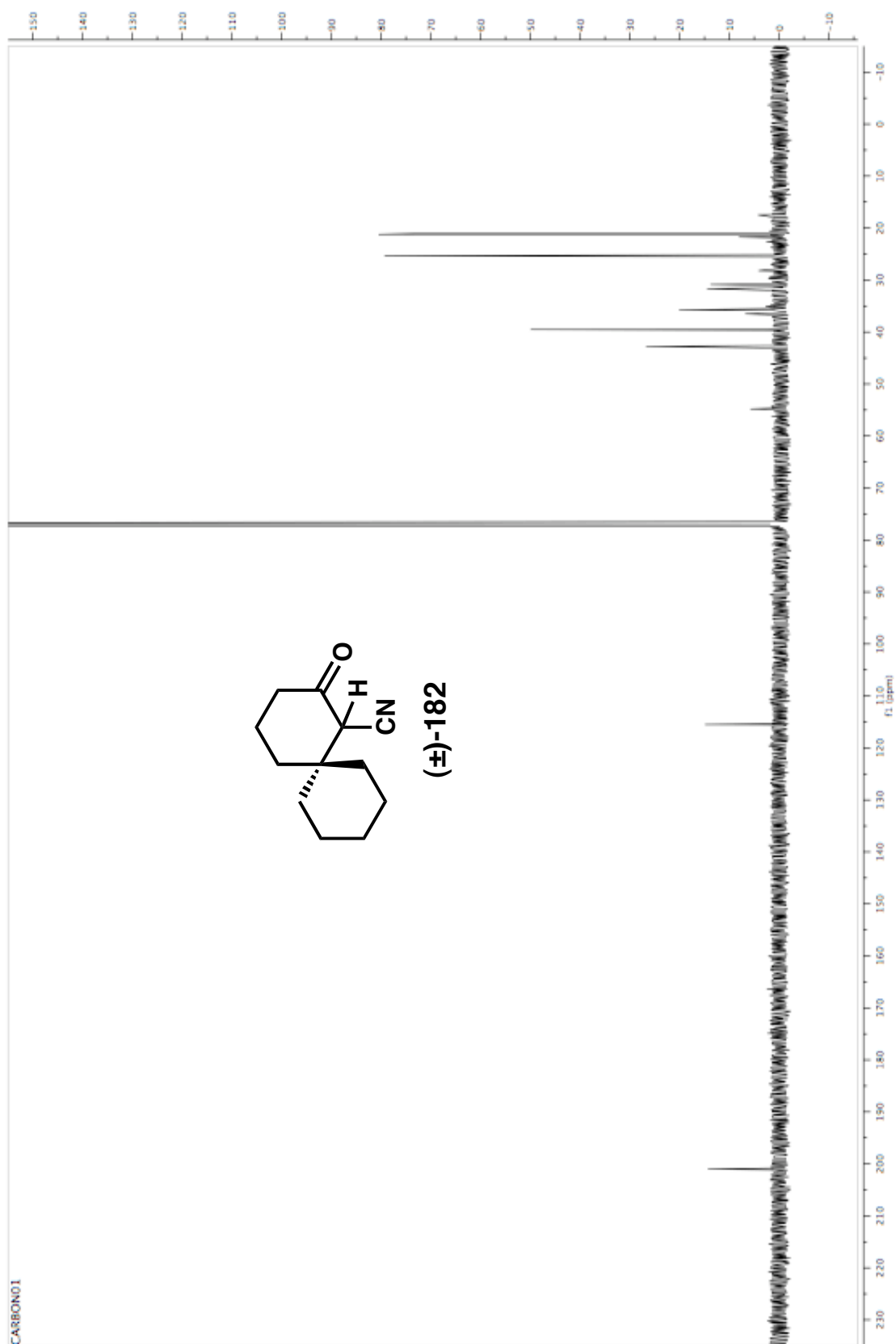








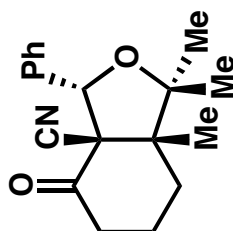




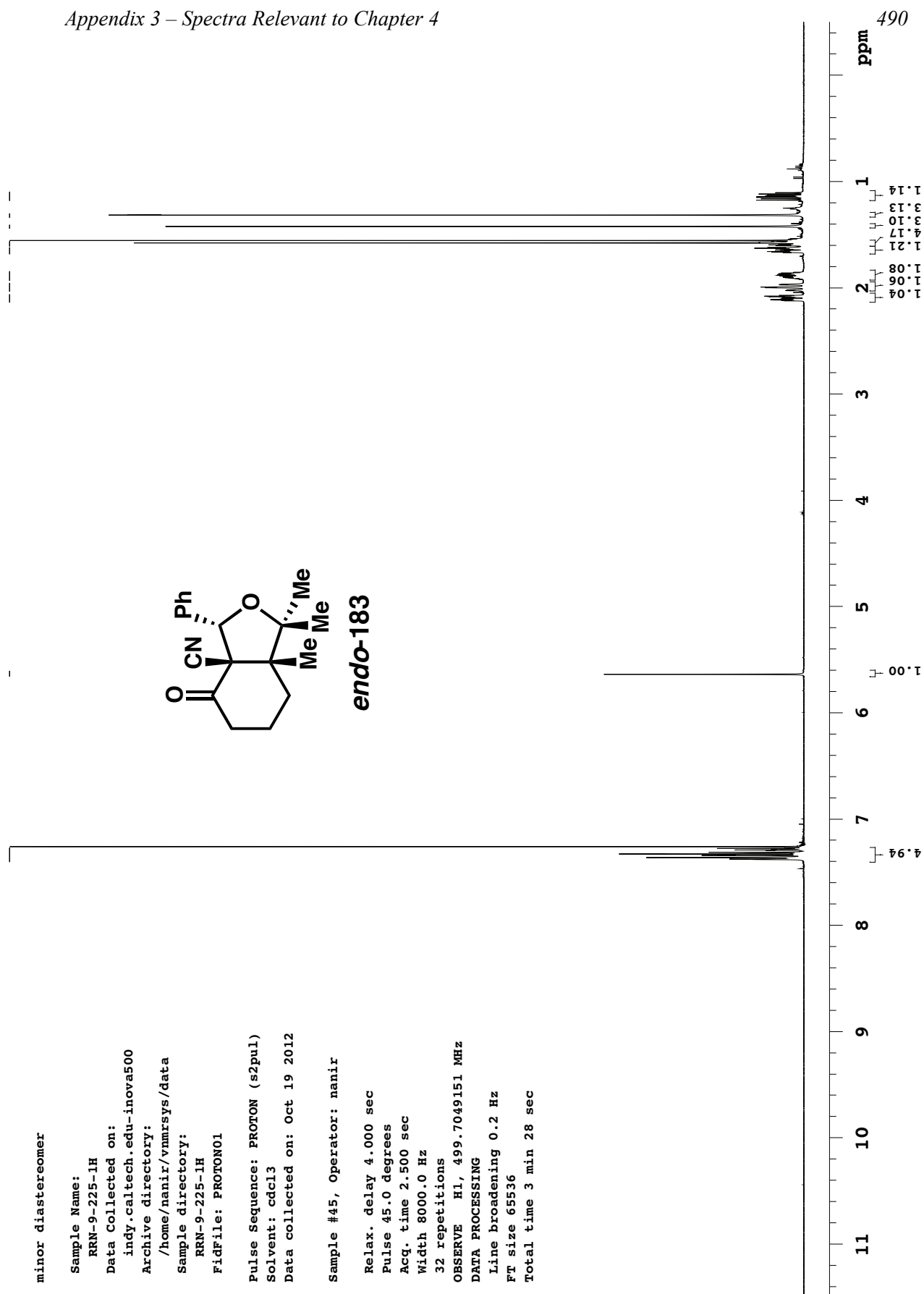
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Sample Name:
 RRN-9-225-1H
 Data Collected on:
 indy.caltech.edu-inova500
 Archive directory:
 /home/nanir/vnmrsys/data
 Sample directory:
 RRN-9-225-1H
 FIDFile: PROTON01
 Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
 Solvent: cdcl3
 Data collected on: Oct 19 2012

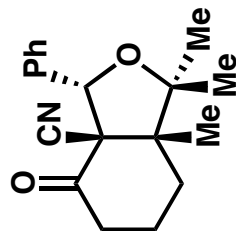
Sample #45, Operator: nanir
 Relax. delay 4.000 sec
 Pulse 45.0 degrees
 Acq. time 2.500 sec
 Width 8000.0 Hz
 32 repetitions
 OBSERVE H1, 499.7049151 MHz
 DATA PROCESSING
 Line broadening 0.2 Hz
 FT size 65536
 Total time 3 min 28 sec



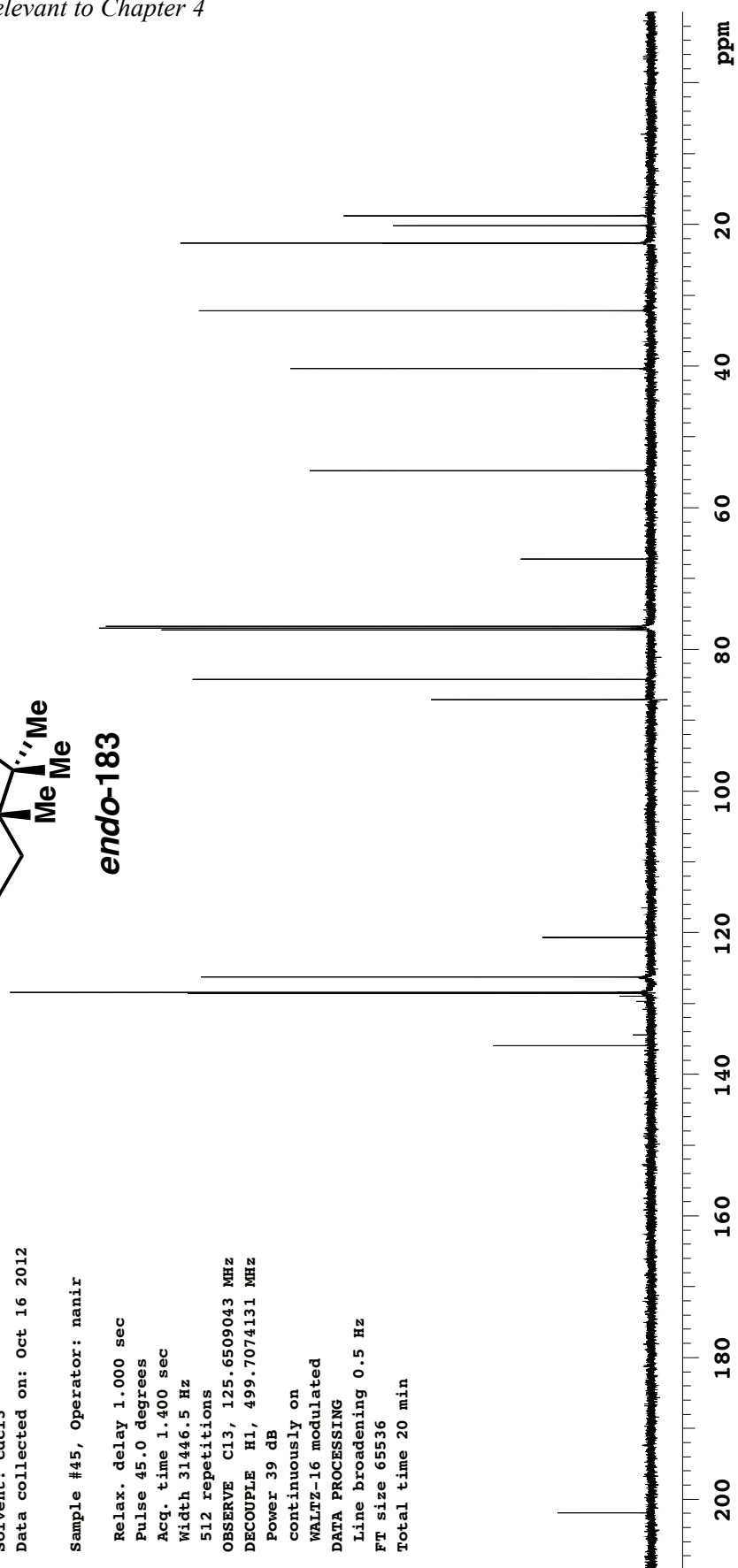
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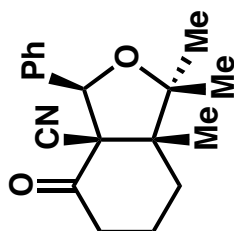
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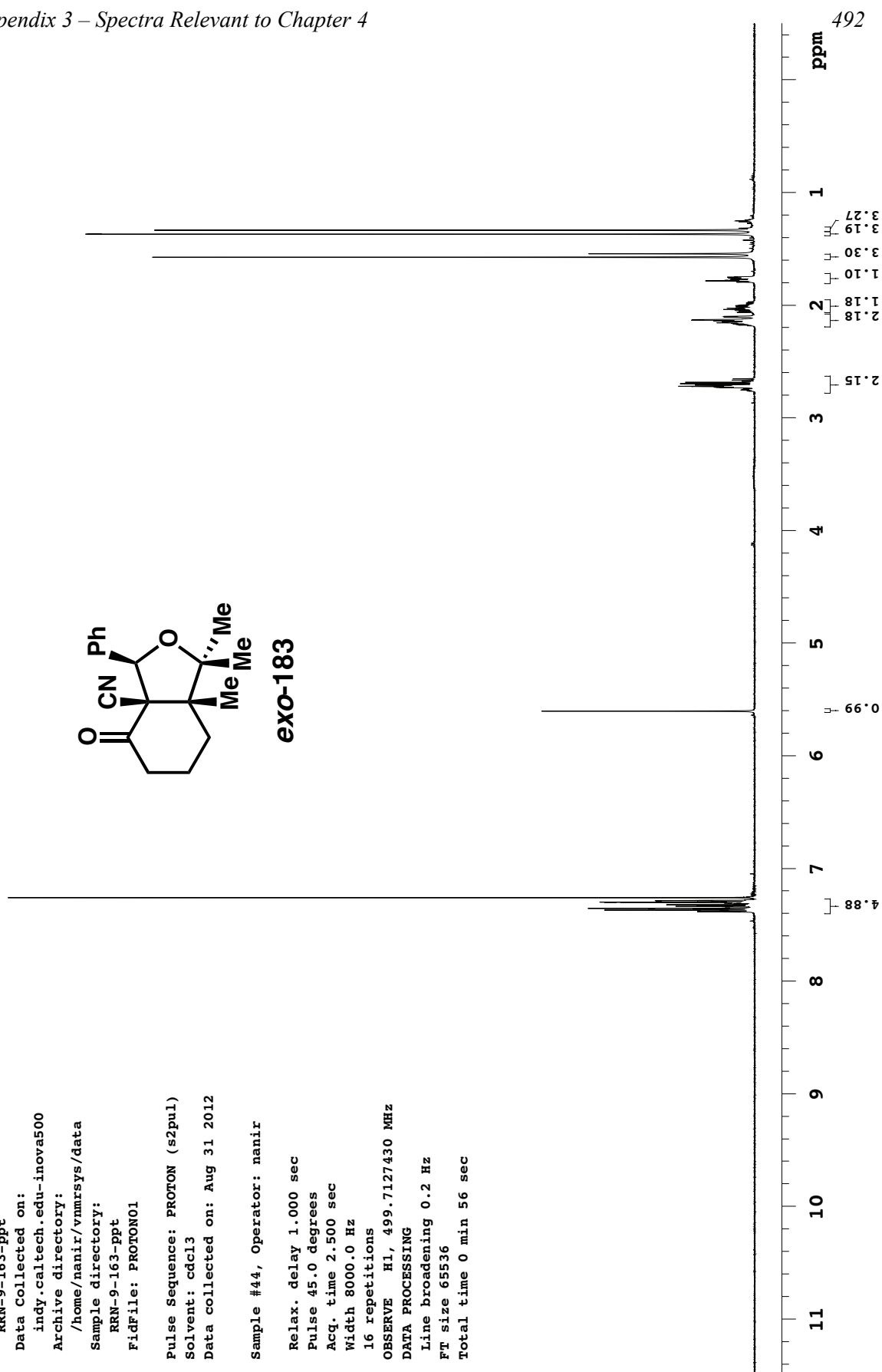
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Sample Name:
RRN-9-163-ppt
Data Collected on:
indy.caltech.edu-inova500
Archive directory:
/home/nanir/vnmrsys/data
Sample directory:
RRN-9-163-ppt
FidFile: PROTON01
Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
Solvent: cdcl3
Data collected on: Aug 31 2012
Sample #44, Operator: nanir
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 2.500 sec
Width 8000.0 Hz
16 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 499.7127430 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 0.2 Hz
FT size 65536
Total time 0 min 56 sec



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Sample Name:

RRN-9-163-13C

Data Collected on:

indy.caltech.edu-inova500

Archive directory:

/home/nanir/vnmrsys/data

Sample directory:

RRN-9-163-13C

FidFile: CARBON01

Pulse Sequence: CARBON (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Data collected on: Oct 2 2012

Sample #45, Operator: nanir

Relax. delay 1.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 1.500 sec

Width 31446.5 Hz

512 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 125.6528758 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 499.7152303 MHz

Power 39 dB

continuously on

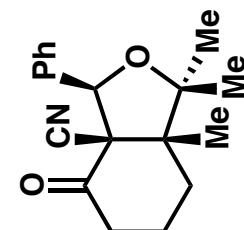
WALTZ-16 modulated

DATA PROCESSING

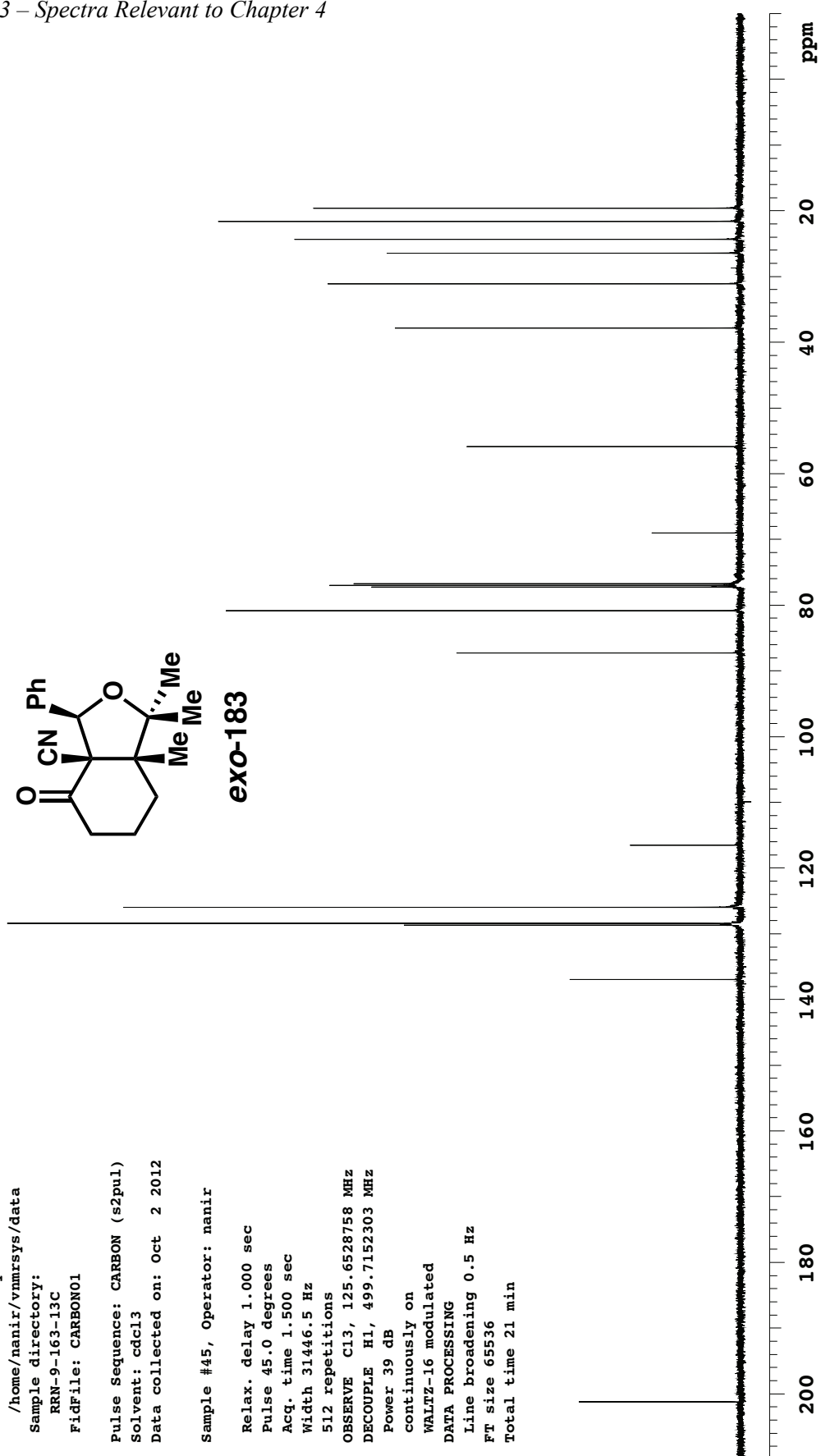
Line broadening 0.5 Hz

FT size 65536

Total time 21 min



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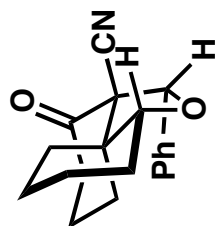
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 Data Collected on:
 indy.caltech.edu-inova500
 Archive directory:
 /home/nanir/vnmrsys/data
 Sample directory:
 RRN-10-73-2_endo
 FIDFile: PROTON01

Pulse Sequence: PROTON (s2pul)
 Solvent: cdcl3
 Data collected on: Dec 12 2012

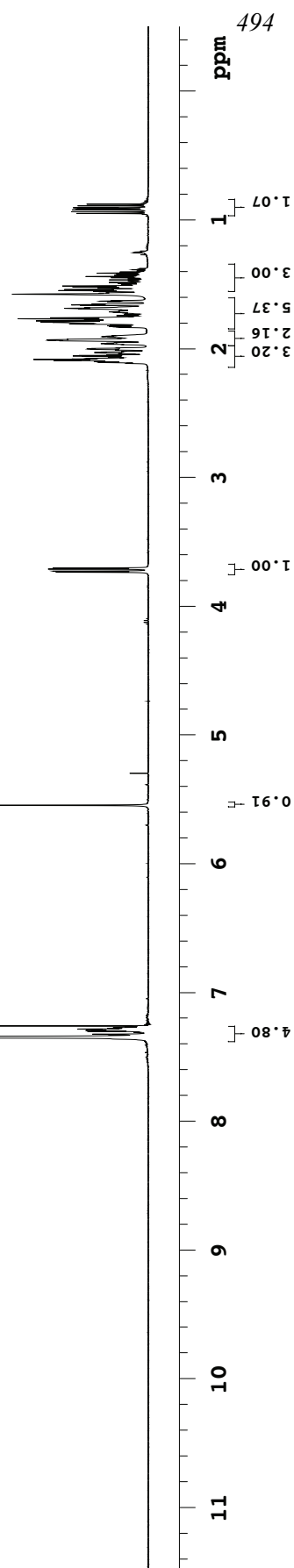
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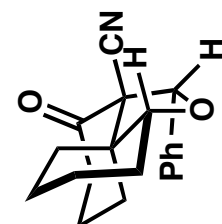
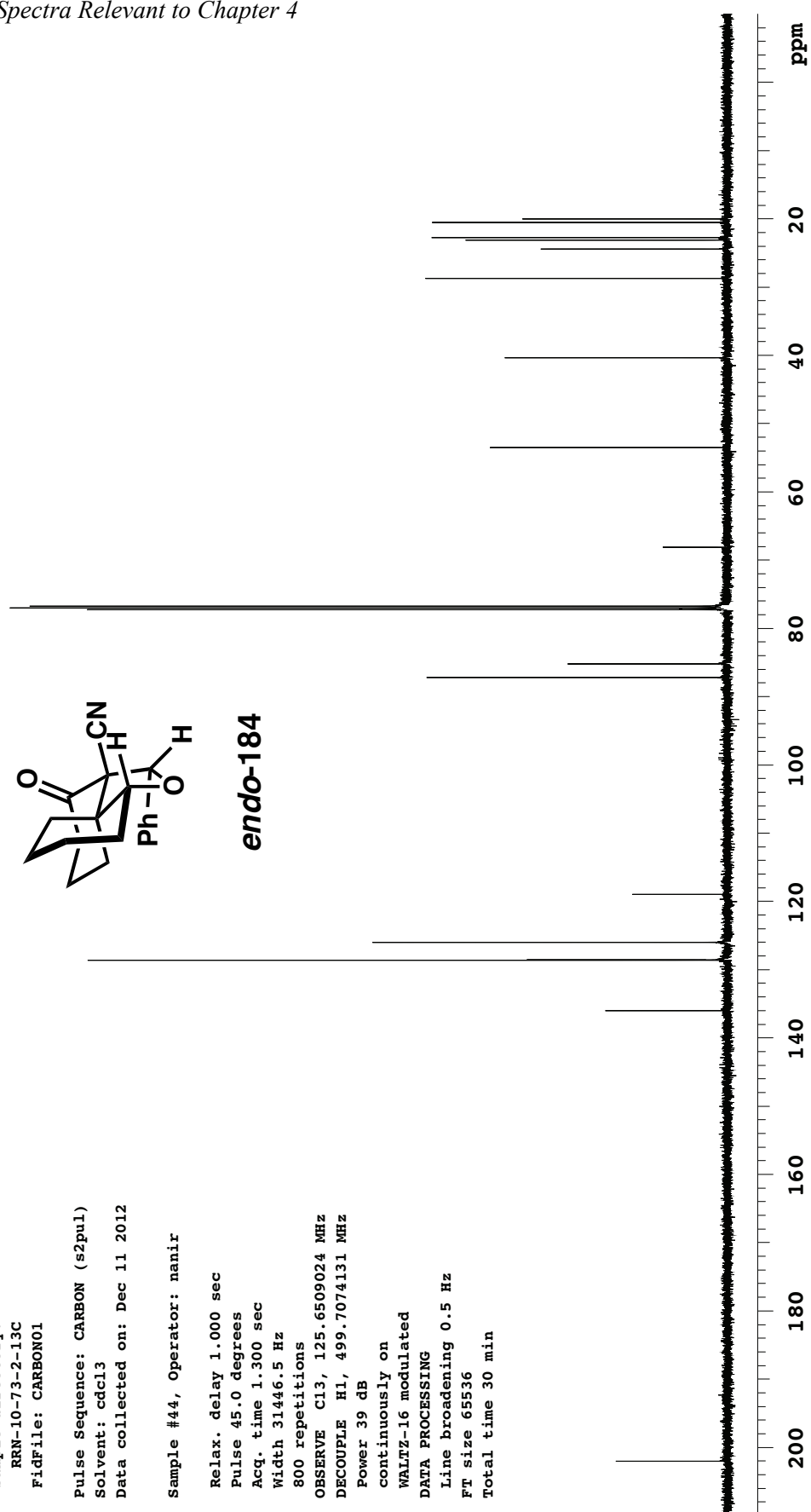
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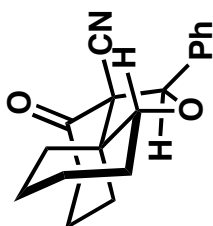
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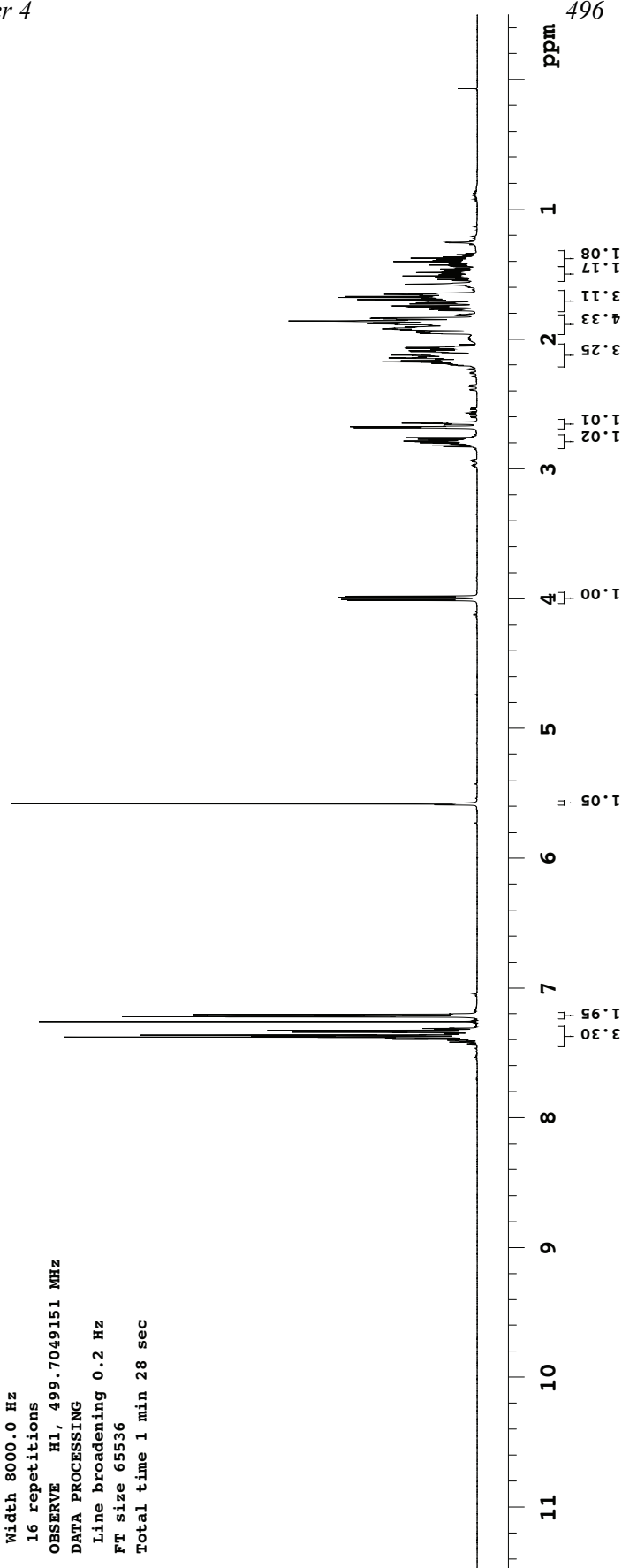
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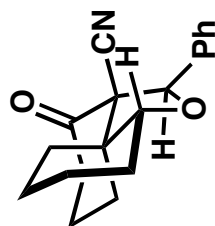
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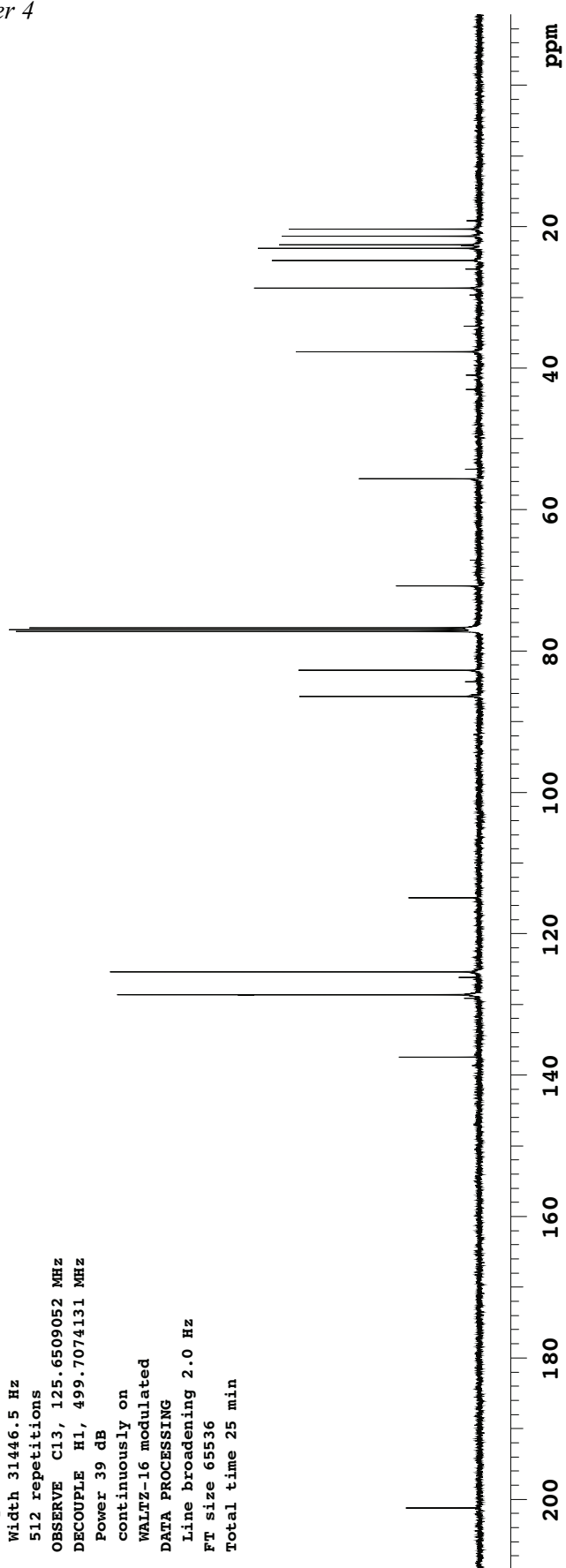
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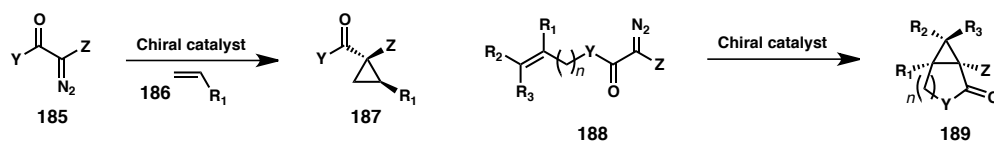
Appendix 4

Progress Toward an Asymmetric Intramolecular Buchner Reaction

A4.1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The enantioselective 2+1 cycloaddition between diazo compounds and alkenes comprises an attractive method for the preparation of optically active cyclopropanes.¹ Since the first report of the asymmetric cyclopropanation of styrene by Nozaki and coworkers in 1966,² this field has witnessed enormous growth, yielding a wide array of methods to access substituted enantioenriched cyclopropanes (Scheme A4.1).

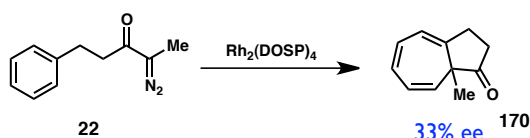
Scheme A4.1. Asymmetric inter- and intramolecular alkene cyclopropanation



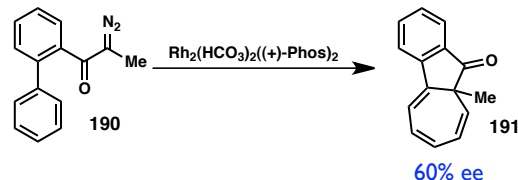
Despite the advances made in the area of asymmetric alkene cyclopropanation with diazo compounds, the development of an analogous enantioselective Buchner reaction has proved to be far more elusive. In 1990 McKervery and coworkers reported the first enantioselective intramolecular Buchner cyclization;³ however, the ee's of the cycloheptatriene products were modest. In the intervening years, only a handful of additional examples have been reported in the past two decades (Scheme A4.2).⁴ The introduction of a variety of new chiral dirhodium catalysts by Doyle improved enantioselectivity in asymmetric intramolecular arene cyclopropanation, albeit with very limited substrate scope. The most recent report of an enantioselective intramolecular Buchner reaction comes from the work of Maguire and coworkers'. In a series of reports, they demonstrated that excellent stereocontrol in the Buchner reaction of α -diazoketones such as **194** could be achieved by a combination of copper and chiral bisoxazoline ligands.^{4c,5}

Scheme A4.2. Examples of asymmetric intramolecular arene cyclopropanation

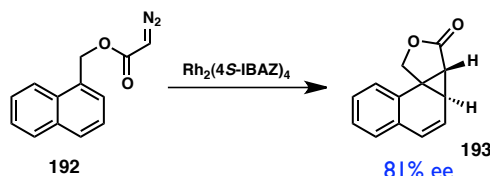
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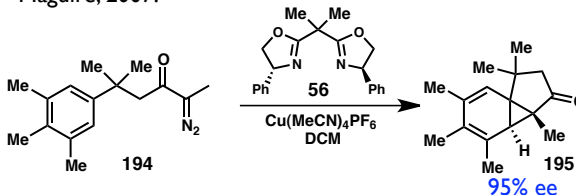
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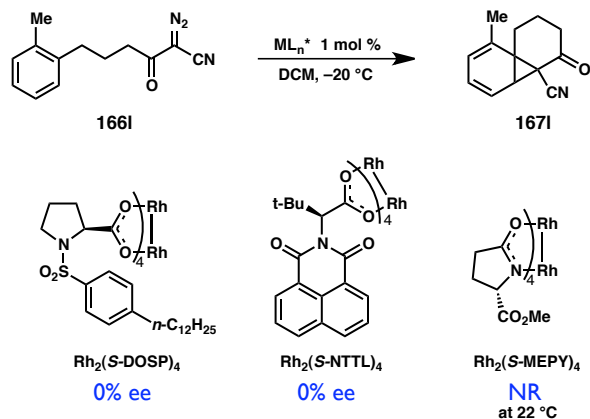


A4.2 TOWARD A GENERAL ASYMMETRIC BUCHNER REACTION

The development of a general enantioselective Buchner reaction constitutes a major challenge in the field of asymmetric catalysis. We recognized the potential utility of intramolecular arene cyclopropanation to access complex bicyclic architectures, and the development of an enantioselective process would likely further the Buchner reaction's appeal in synthetic endeavors.⁶ Thus, a screen of chiral catalysts was initiated with various α -diazonitriles previously examined in Chapter 4. The high propensity of α -diazo- β -ketonitriles and related substrates to undergo aromatic cycloaddition versus C-H insertion made these compounds excellent candidates for examining asymmetric induction.⁷ The results with various chiral dirhodium and copper catalysts are reported herein.

A4.2.1 Screen of Chiral Dirhodium Catalysts

Chiral dirhodium catalysts were first investigated due to their high levels of activity with α -diazocarbonyl compounds. Furthermore, the past decade has seen great advances in chiral ligand development for dirhodium complexes,⁸ and the possibility for screening numerous catalysts existed. We commenced our investigation with α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **166l** in combination with various chiral dirhodium catalyst frameworks (Scheme A4.3). Although excellent conversion was obtained with electron-neutral dirhodium catalysts, no enantioinduction was observed.

Scheme A4.3. Chiral dirhodium catalyst screen with **166I**

We next focused our attention on α -diazo- β -amidonitrile substrate **196** (Scheme A4.4). A screen of various dirhodium catalysts produced the first promising ee's. In particular, the amino acid derived naphthalimide catalysts⁹ ($\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-NTTL})_4$ and $\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-NTPA})_4$) yielded the stable norcaradiene product **197** in 50 % enantiomeric excess. Before committing to a more systematic screen involving a multitude of dirhodium catalysts, we sought to examine different substrates in combination with the most encouraging catalysts from Scheme A4.4. The choice to probe enantioselectivity by varying substrates was driven in part by the known capriciousness of the asymmetric Buchner reaction in the work of Maguire.

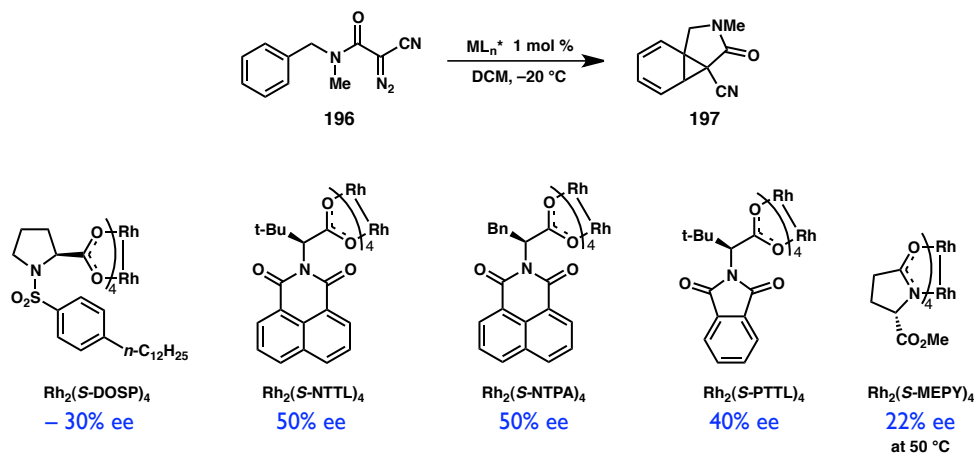
Scheme A4.4. Chiral dirhodium catalyst screen with **196**

Table A4.1 delineates the screen of the dirhodium catalysts from Scheme A4.4 in combination with four additional amide substrates. Consistent with previous reports, slight structural changes resulted in a dramatic impact on the ee of the norcaradiene product. The 4-methoxy product **199** ($n = 1$) was created in racemic fashion by the $Rh_2(S-NTTL)_4$ and $Rh_2(S-NTPA)_4$ naphthalimide-based catalysts. Remarkably, the 4-methyl product **201** ($n = 1$) was produced with the best ee observed in this project, wherein $Rh_2(S-NTTL)_4$ catalyzed the Buchner reaction of α -diazo- β -amidonitrile **196** in 78 % ee. Unfortunately, addition of another methylene unit into the tether attaching the diazo amide and arene (substrates **173a** and **173b**, $n = 2$) resulted in moderate to poor stereocontrol.

Table A4.1. Chiral dirhodium catalyst screen with **172,196**

172,196 $\xrightarrow[\text{DCM, } -20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}]{\text{Rh catalyst 1 mol \%}}$ 173,197

	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-NTTL})_4$	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-NTPA})_4$	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-PTTL})_4$	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{S-DOSP})_4$
197	50% ee	50% ee	40% ee	– 30% ee
199	0% ee	0% ee	— ^a	—
201	78% ee	66% ee	52% ee	– 44% ee
173a	50% ee	—	—	24% ee
173b	2% ee	– 20% ee	– 8% ee	– 2% ee

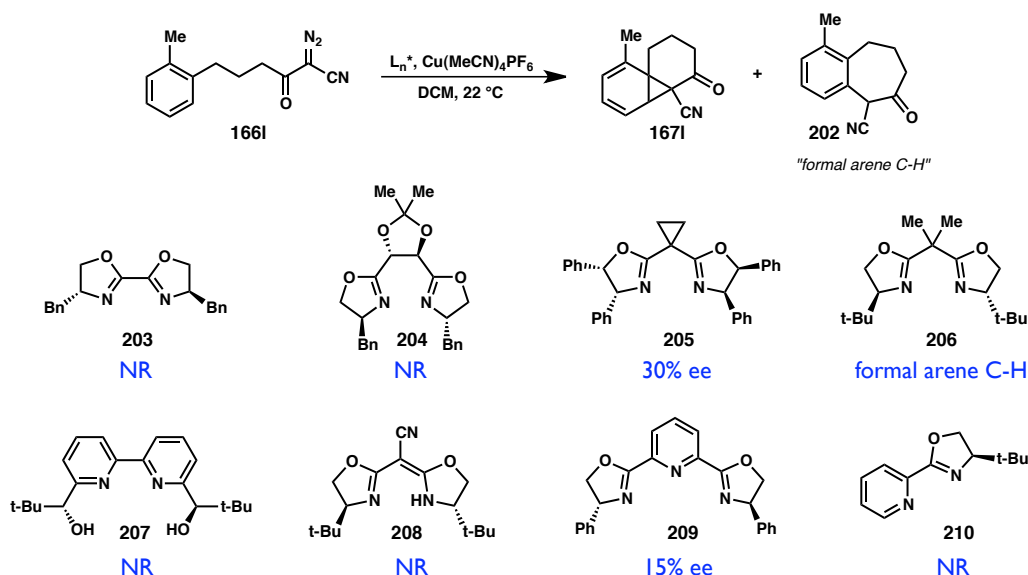
^aDashed line indicates catalyst was not run with substrate

A4.2.2 Screen of Chiral Copper Catalysts

Despite the excellent reactivity observed with the chiral dirhodium catalysts, our studies exposed some of the drawbacks of their use in the asymmetric Buchner reaction. Although some promising enantiocontrol was observed, the ee of reaction was wildly variable from substrate to substrate. Furthermore, extensive catalyst screening would have required the individual preparation of each dirhodium catalyst, some ligands of which necessitate multistep syntheses. With the goal of more efficient screening of ligand frameworks in mind, chiral copper catalysts were thus investigated. The *in situ* preparation of the active species, coupled with a large collection of chiral ligands available from the very generous Stoltz group, made this catalyst system ideal for investigating in the context of the enantioselective Buchner reaction.

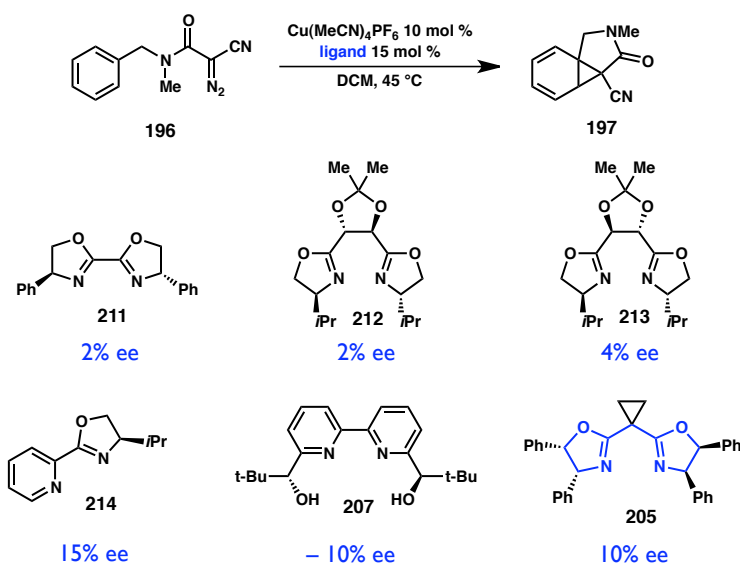
Our studies first commenced with α -diazo- β -ketonitrile **166I** (Scheme A4.5). Because the copper promoted de-diazotization of acceptor–acceptor substituted diazo compounds such as **166I** typically occurs at much high temperatures than with rhodium, only highly reactive cationic copper species were useful in these screens. We thus focused on ligands reported for asymmetric intermolecular alkene cyclopropanation in conjunction with copper.^{2,10} Although some promising ee values were obtained with bisoxazoline ligand **205**, this transformation was fraught with problems. The conversion was very low or negligible in most cases, and due to competitive decomposition of the norcaradiene product to arene **202**, the upper temperature range was limited. The poor stereoreinduction and unfavorable reactivity thus prompted us to explore chiral copper catalysts with different diazo compounds.

Scheme A4.5. Cationic copper and chiral ligand screen with **166I**



We thus turned our attention again to the α -diazo- β -amidonitrile system. An initial screen of various bidentate nitrogen containing ligands yielded very low levels of stereinduction (Scheme A4.6). Nevertheless, slightly better conversions were obtained as compared to the ketone system, and the norcaradiene products were stable to the reaction conditions. We proceeded forward with the bisoxazoline framework given the ready available of different members of the ligand class, wherein different parts of the BOX framework were systematically altered.

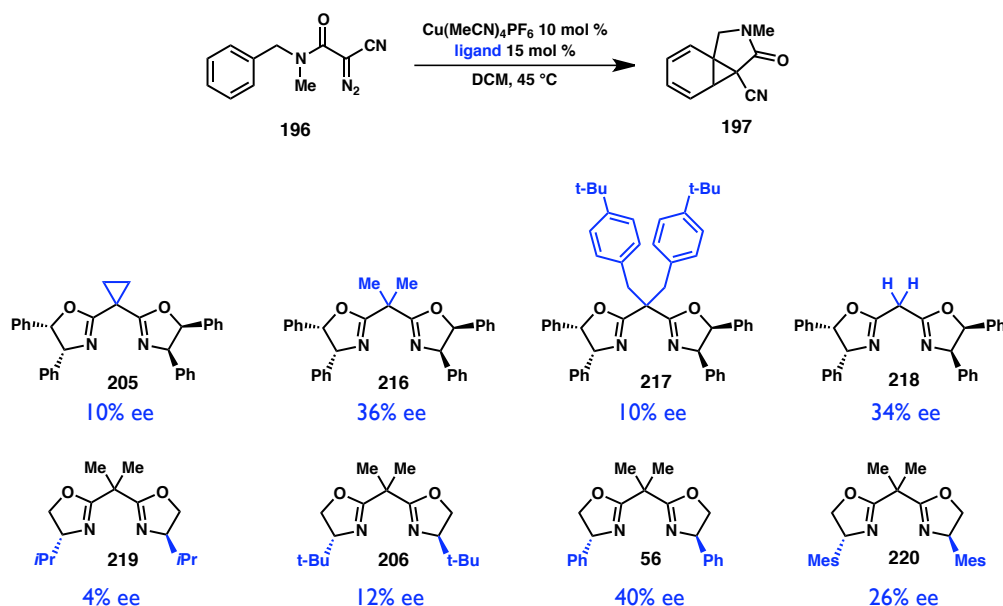
Scheme A4.6. Cationic copper and chiral ligand screen with **196**



The tether carbon of the bisoxazoline ligands was the first variable section investigated (Scheme A4.7). Improved ee values were obtained when moving to the *gem*-dimethyl based ligand **216** from **205**, but no clear trend correlated to the steric bulk of the substituents attached the methylene could be observed. The effect of the substituent attached to the carbon α to the nitrogen within the oxazoline ring was also examined.

While alkyl-based ligands **219** and **206** only afforded the norcaradiene product in poor ee, a large jump was observed when employing the PhBox catalyst **56**. Unfortunately, increasing the substitution of the phenyl ring by employing the mesityl-derived ligand resulted in erosion of enantioselectivity (**220**).

Scheme A4.7. Cationic copper and chiral ligand screen with **196**



A4.3 CONCLUSION

This section summarizes our efforts toward the development of a general enantioselective intramolecular arene cyclopropanation reaction. While some promising enantioselectivities were obtained with chiral dirhodium catalysts, the stereoinduction of the reaction was highly substrate dependent. Future directions should focus on thorough investigation of dirhodium catalysts due to the excellent reactivity of these systems versus copper.

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Chapter 5

Hydrazone-functionalized Resins for Glycomics and Glycoproteomics

5.1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND[†]

Glycobiology is the study of the structure, biosynthesis, and biology of carbohydrate-modified proteins and lipids.¹ The main goal of this field is to elucidate the purpose of these glycoconjugates, and uncover how these modifications mediate various biological processes. There is no single predominant role of protein- and lipid-linked sugars, and the functions of glycans (i.e. sugars that are bound to the macromolecule) are wide ranging.² These capacities span from structural and cell adhesion duties³ to the modulation of protein properties and trafficking.⁴

Protein glycosylation is the reaction of a carbohydrate with a nucleophilic moiety of a protein. *N*-Linked glycosylation is the attachment of a sugar molecule to a nitrogen

[†] This work was performed in collaboration with Dr. Sergiy Levin, a former postdoctoral scholar in the Reisman group, and Dr. Kyoung-Soon Jang, a current postdoctoral scholar in the Clemons group. This chapter is based on a manuscript in preparation, co-written with Dr. Kyoung-Soon Jang and Prof. Bil Clemons.

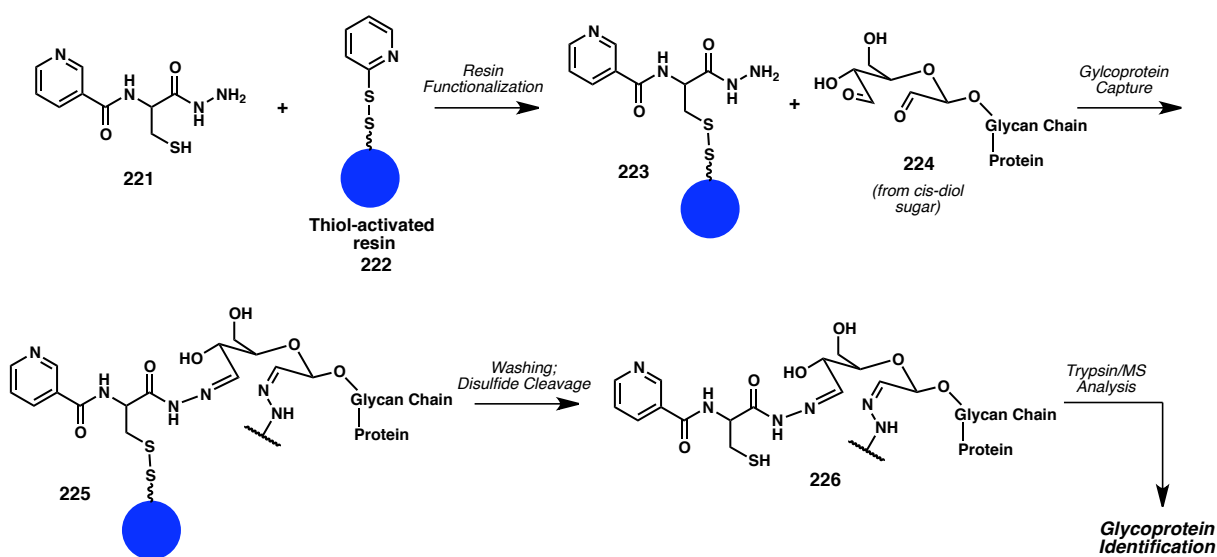
atom of an amino acid residue of the protein. This type of linkage is important for both the structure⁴ and function⁵ of some eukaryotic proteins. For example, some proteins do not fold correctly unless they are glycosylated first.⁶ Also, certain N-linked polysaccharides confer extracellular stability on some secreted glycoproteins.⁷ Thus, the determination of the glycosylation identity and pattern for specific proteins is critical for further understanding of the various biological functions mediated by glycans.

The identification of an organisms total glycosylated protein pool, the glycoproteome, requires selectively and efficiently isolating glycoproteins from biological samples. Various enrichment techniques, such as lectin affinity chromatography,⁸ metabolic tagging/click chemistry,⁹ and periodate oxidation/hydrazide chemistry,¹⁰ have been established for studies in eukaryotes. Among these, chemical coupling by hydrazide chemistry is the most generally applicable. Originally introduced by Zhang and colleagues,¹⁰ periodate oxidizes the cis-diol of glycans to aldehydes which can then be coupled to a hydrazide resin to form a stable hydrazone bond. The captured glycoprotein can then be analyzed by mass spectrometry.

The limitation of this method is the requirement of an enzyme to release enriched protein from functionalized resins. Peptide:N-glycosidase F (PNGase F) has been commonly used for this; however, it cannot cleave the equivalent bonds in most bacterial glycoproteins. In lieu of a functional enzyme, we have developed new chemical probes to take advantage of the hydrazide chemistry. Our probes have been designed to possess thiol and cationic moieties in addition to the hydrazide group (Scheme 5.1). The thiol group will be used for conjugation to a thiol-activated solid support, which can be released under reducing conditions after glycoprotein capture. The addition of the

positive charge is expected to improve the ionization signal during MS analysis, as reported in previous literature.¹¹

Scheme 5.1. Probe design for selective glycoprotein capture and identification



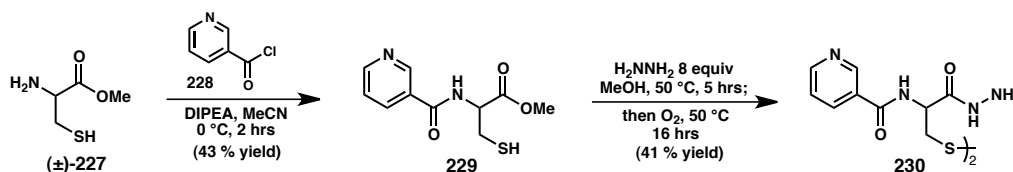
In this study, we demonstrate the novel enrichment technique for efficient identification of bacterial free glycans and glycoproteins as well as eukaryotic glycoproteins. The cationic hydrazone functionalized resins was able to selectively capture bacterial glycoproteins and free oligosaccharides in periplasmic fractions of *C. jejuni*, followed by mass spectrometric analysis. This method provides simple and sensitive ways necessary for comprehensive glycomic and glycoproteomic studies.

5.2 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.2.1 Preparation of Cationic Cysteine Hydrazide and Functionalized Resins

The first goal of the collaborative project was to synthesize cysteine hydrazide nicotinamide (*Cyhn*) **221**. This was accomplished in a straightforward two-step sequence (Scheme 5.2). Racemic cysteine methyl ester (**227**) was coupled with the acid chloride of nicotinic acid, affording cysteine methyl ester nicotinamide **229**. Unreacted cysteine methyl ester was removed using solution-phase extraction, and the major impurity of the reaction (acylation of the thiol group of the product) was separated by silica column chromatography. Reaction of the cysteine methyl ester nicotinamide with excess hydrazine hydrate in methanol resulted in the *Cyhn* compound (**216**). The reaction was monitored by LC/MS, and upon complete consumption of the starting material the solution was sparged with oxygen gas to effect dimerization of the *Cyhn* monomer. Precipitation of *Cyhn* dimer resulted during this process, and after concentration and trituration with methanol the *Cyhn* dimer (**230**) was obtained in >95% purity.

Scheme 5.2. Synthesis of *Cyhn* dimer **230**



In the course of our studies we observed that ester **229** is stable as the free thiol; the *Cyhn* monomer **221**, however, was very susceptible to oxidation to the disulfide. This

feature of hydrazide **221** greatly hampered the attempted isolation and purification of this compound. Alternatively, the *Cyhn* dimer (**230**) existed as a stable solid that could be reliably produced in high purity. The stability and ease of purification of the *Cyhn* dimer was exploited to obtain gram quantities of a *Cyhn* monomer precursor. Prior to the conjugation, the disulfide moiety of the *Cyhn*-dimer was reduced with dithiothreitol (DTT) and the liberated monomer was used *in situ* for conjugation to the activated thiol resins. The pyridyl group serves as a handle for forming a cationic species, facilitating mass spec analysis of various conjugated species. The *Cyhn* compound was conjugated onto commercially available thiol-activated solid supports such as thiopropyl SepharoseTM 6B resins or BcMagTM thiol-activated magnetic beads, resulting in the *Cyhn*-6B or *Cyhn*-BcMag resins, respectively. The prepared *Cyhn* resins were employed to selectively conjugate free oligosaccharides as well as oxidized glycoproteins from mixtures as demonstrated in section 5.2.2.

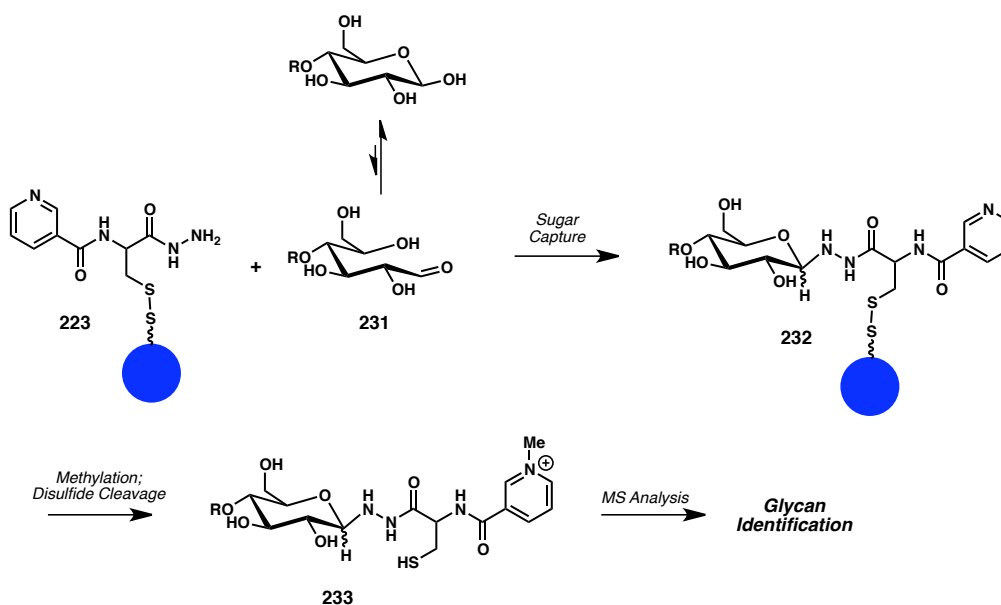
5.2.2 Control Experiments: Sugar Capture and MS Analysis[‡]

To test whether mass spectroscopy would be suitable for analysis of captured sugars and glycoproteins, control experiments with simple saccharides were enacted. The *Cyhn* resins were used to enrich soluble free sugars with reducing ends. The incubation of free oligosaccharides, i.e. commercially available maltopentaose (M5) and maltohexaose (M6), with the *Cyhn*-6B resins showed selective isolation of the reduced glycans; however, it was observed that the *Cyhn*-conjugated glycans ionized as the sodium adduct,

[‡] The experiments and analysis in Section 5.2.2-3 were performed by Dr. Kyoung-Soon Jang of the Clemons group.

not as the protonated pyridinium. Rendering the *Cyhn* with a discrete positive charge via *N*-methylation of the pyridine nitrogen provided a solution (**233**, Scheme 5.3). The mild post-methylation of the glycan-*Cyhn* conjugates allowed a permanent positive charge to the *Cyhn* conjugates, resulting in higher ionization signals during MS analysis (Scheme 5.3). Finally, the *Cyhn*-enrichment followed by post-methylation was able to identify bacterial free heptasaccharide from periplasmic extracts of *C. jejuni*.

Scheme 5.3. Capture and MS analysis of various saccharides



5.3 CONCLUSIONS

In this study, we established a novel enrichment tool to investigate the bacterial glycome and glycoproteome. This versatile enrichment technique enabled us to efficiently isolate bacterial periplasmic free oligosaccharides as well as glycoproteins, and subsequent MS analyses allowed the identification of those molecules.

The *Cyhn*-based enrichment technique, developed in this study, showed high efficient capture in both case of bacterial glycoproteins and free glycans. As the pyridine moiety on the *Cyhn* molecule can be used as a UV-chromophore due to its optical activity, the *Cyhn*-conjugation will be able to be utilized for quantitative glycomics in combination with conventional HPLC. The pivotal play using this enrichment technique would allow us to explore the diversity of NLG pathways in a variety of bacterial samples.

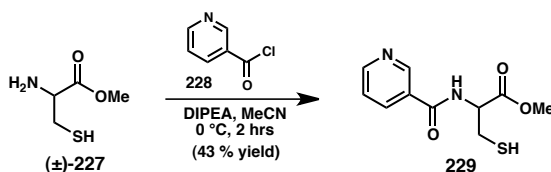
5.4 EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

5.4.1 Materials and Methods

Nicotinic acid, *N,N*-dimethylformamide, *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine, L-cysteine methyl ester hydrochloride, hydrazine monohydrate, sodium *meta*-periodate, and iodomethane were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Thionyl chloride was obtained from Junsei Chemical Co., Ltd. *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS)-fluorescein was obtained from Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Thiopropyl SepharoseTM 6B resins and BcMagTM thiol-activated magnetic beads were purchased from GE Healthcare Biosciences (Pittsburgh, PA) and Bioclone Inc. (San Diego, CA), respectively. All other chemicals were of analytical grade.

5.4.2 Preparative Procedures and Spectroscopic Data

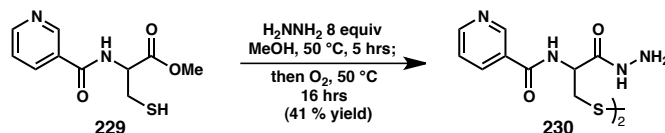
Preparation of Cysteine Methyl Ester Nicotinamide 229



Nicotinic acid (7.9 g, 64.2 mmol) was suspended in 100 mL thionyl chloride (512 mmol). *N,N*-Dimethylformamide (0.2 mL, 2.6 mmol) was added to the solution as a catalyst. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature (RT), during which time the slurry became homogeneous. Upon complete consumption of the nicotinic acid, the thionyl chloride was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was azeotroped with benzene to remove residual thionyl chloride and HCl. The crude off-white solid (**228**) was suspended in 150 mL of acetonitrile and cooled to 0°C under a nitrogen atmosphere. A

heterogeneous mixture containing cysteine methyl ester hydrochloride **227** (10 g, 58.3 mmol) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (8.3 mL, 47.2 mmol) in 200 mL of acetonitrile was transferred in one portion to the nicotinic acid chloride. The resulting thick white slurry was stirred vigorously and allowed to warm to RT over 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 and the acetonitrile was concentrated *in vacuo*. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3×100 mL), and the combined organic phases were washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , and then the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified using silica column chromatography (50→100% EtOAc:hexanes) affording the cysteine methyl ester nicotinamide **229** as a viscous colorless oil (6.0 g, 25.0 mmol, 43% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 9.07 (dd, $J = 2.3, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.77 (dd, $J = 4.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (ddd, $J = 7.9, 2.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, $J = 7.9, 4.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (br d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dt, $J = 7.1, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.16 (dd, $J = 9.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 170.37, 165.17, 152.69, 148.24, 135.06, 129.22, 123.46, 53.92, 53.02, 26.78; FTIR (NaCl, thin film) 3309, 3035, 2951, 1740, 1653, 1591, 1539, 1351, 1217 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 241.0641, found 241.0643.

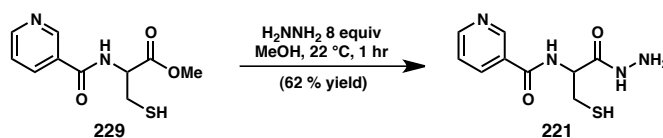
Preparation of cysteine dihydrazide nicotinamide **230**



Cysteine methyl ester nicotinamide (**229**, 5.9 g, 24.4 mmol) was dissolved in 100 mL of dry methanol, and then hydrazine monohydrate (9.5 mL, 195.2 mmol) was added.

The solution was stirred at 50°C for 5 hr, and the conversion to cysteine hydrazide nicotinamide (*Cyhn* monomer) was monitored by LC-MS. After the complete consumption of the starting material, the solution was sparged with oxygen gas for 15 minutes, then maintained under an oxygen atmosphere overnight at 50°C. After LC-MS analysis indicated complete conversion to the *Cyhn* disulfide dimer, the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The white residue was subjected to hot trituration in refluxing methanol (100 mL), and the precipitated product was filtered and washed with cold methanol. Drying under vacuum (0.1 Torr) afforded the cystine dihydrazide nicotinamide (*Cyhn* dimer) **230** as a white solid (2.4 g, 41% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 9.42 (s, 1H), 8.99 (dd, *J* = 2.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (app dt, *J* = 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 4.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (m, 1H), 4.30 (br s, 2H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 9.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 168.90, 165.04, 151.96, 148.72, 135.26, 129.44, 123.30, 51.34, 39.74; IR (NaCl/thin film) 3281, 3035, 2960, 1633, 1537, 1327; HRMS (ESI-) calc'd for C₁₈H₂₂N₈O₄S₂ [M-H]⁻ 477.1133, found 477.1148.

Preparation of *Cyhn* Monomer 221



Cysteine methyl ester nicotinamide (**229**, 80 mg, 0.33 mmol) was dissolved in 400 mL of dry methanol under nitrogen, and then hydrazine monohydrate (67 mL, 1.33 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred at room temperature until conversion to the cysteine hydrazide nicotinamide (*Cyhn* monomer) was achieved by LC-MS. All

manipulations thereafter were performed under an argon atmosphere. The volatiles were then concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was slurried in ethanol, filtered, and washed with cold ethanol. Drying under vacuum (0.1 Torr) afforded the cystine hydrazide nicotinamide (*Cyhn* monomer) **221** as a white solid (50 mg, 62% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 9.35 (s, 1H), 9.05 (dd, $J = 2.3, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.77 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (app dt, $J = 7.9, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 8.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.51 (td, $J = 9.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (br s, 2H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 13.5, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J = 13.5, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), *SH* not observed; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ : 169.00, 165.17, 151.98, 148.76, 135.34, 129.55, 123.33, 55.10, 26.00. IR (NaCl/thin film) 3290, 3036, 2960, 1630, 1537, 1328; HRMS (ESI+) calc'd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 241.0754, found 241.0755.

Preparation of cationic cystine hydrazide-functionalized resins. To hydrolyze the disulfide bond of the cystine dihydrazide nicotinamide (*Cyhn* dimer), the *Cyhn* dimer (86 mg, 180 μmol) was suspended in 50% ethanol (1 mL), then one equivalent of dithiothreitol was added to the solution. Each thiopropyl SepharoseTM 6B resins (1 mL, 30 μmol) and BcMagTM thiol-activated magnetic beads (150 mg, 36 μmol) were washed with deionized water, respectively. The resins were suspended in 50% methanol. Five hundred milliliters of the *Cyhn* solution was added in each suspension. The suspensions were placed on rocking incubator at RT overnight. Then, the resins were washed with 50% methanol, followed by water and 20% ethanol. The resulting resins were stored in 20% ethanol at 4°C prior to use.

Enrichment of free glycans and post-methylation of the *Cyhn*-conjugate. To capture free oligosaccharides, reducing glycans (each 50 nmole) were incubated with 10 mL of *Cyhn*-6B resins (ca. 10 nmole) at 100°C for 20 min in 2% (v/v) acetic acid in acetonitrile. After the capturing, the resins were subsequently incubated with 10% of methyl iodide in acetonitrile at RT for 10 h with gentle shaking. The resins were then washed with acetonitrile, followed by deionized water, then released by 50 mL of 10 mM dithiothreitol in 50% methanol for further MALDI-TOF MS analysis.

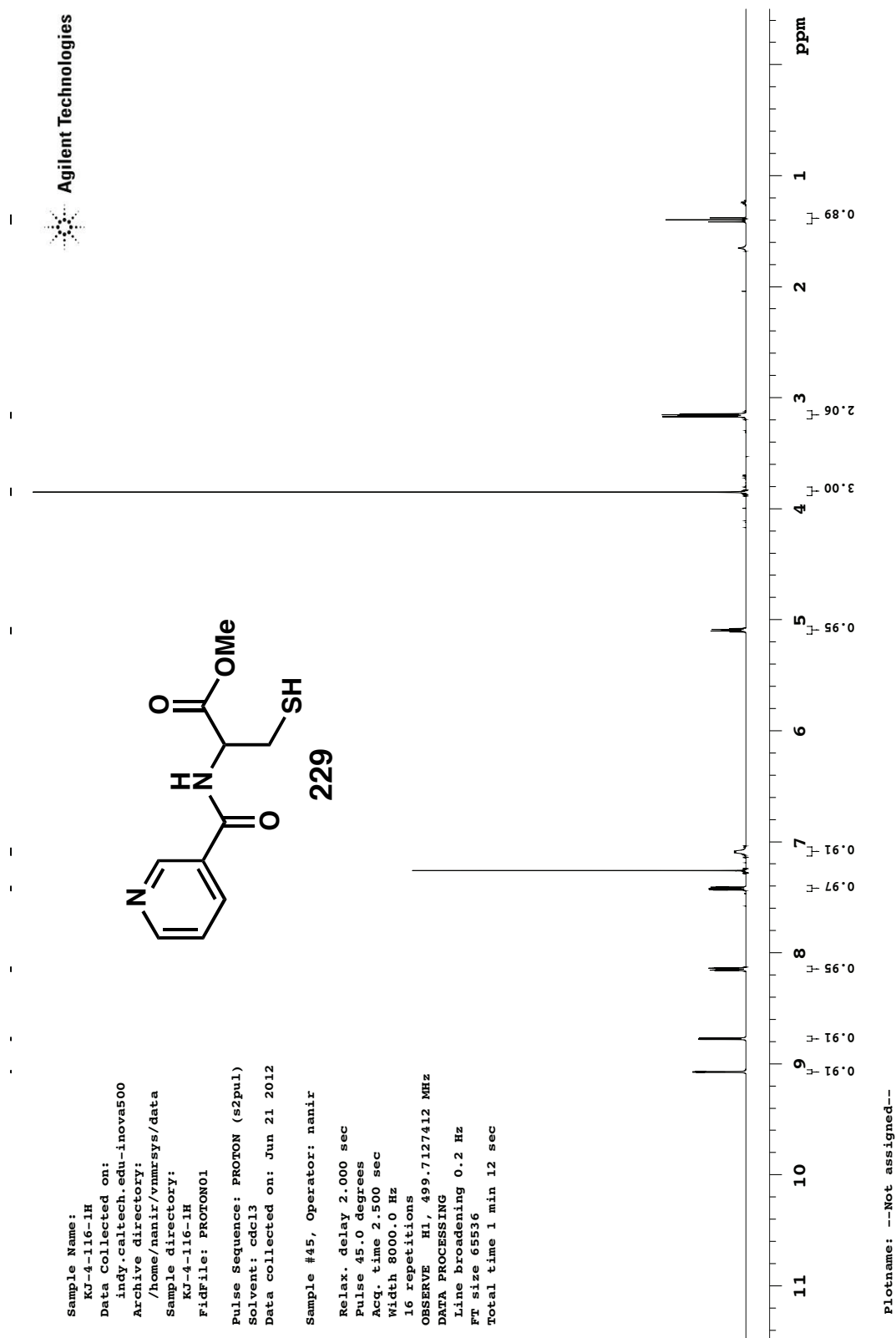
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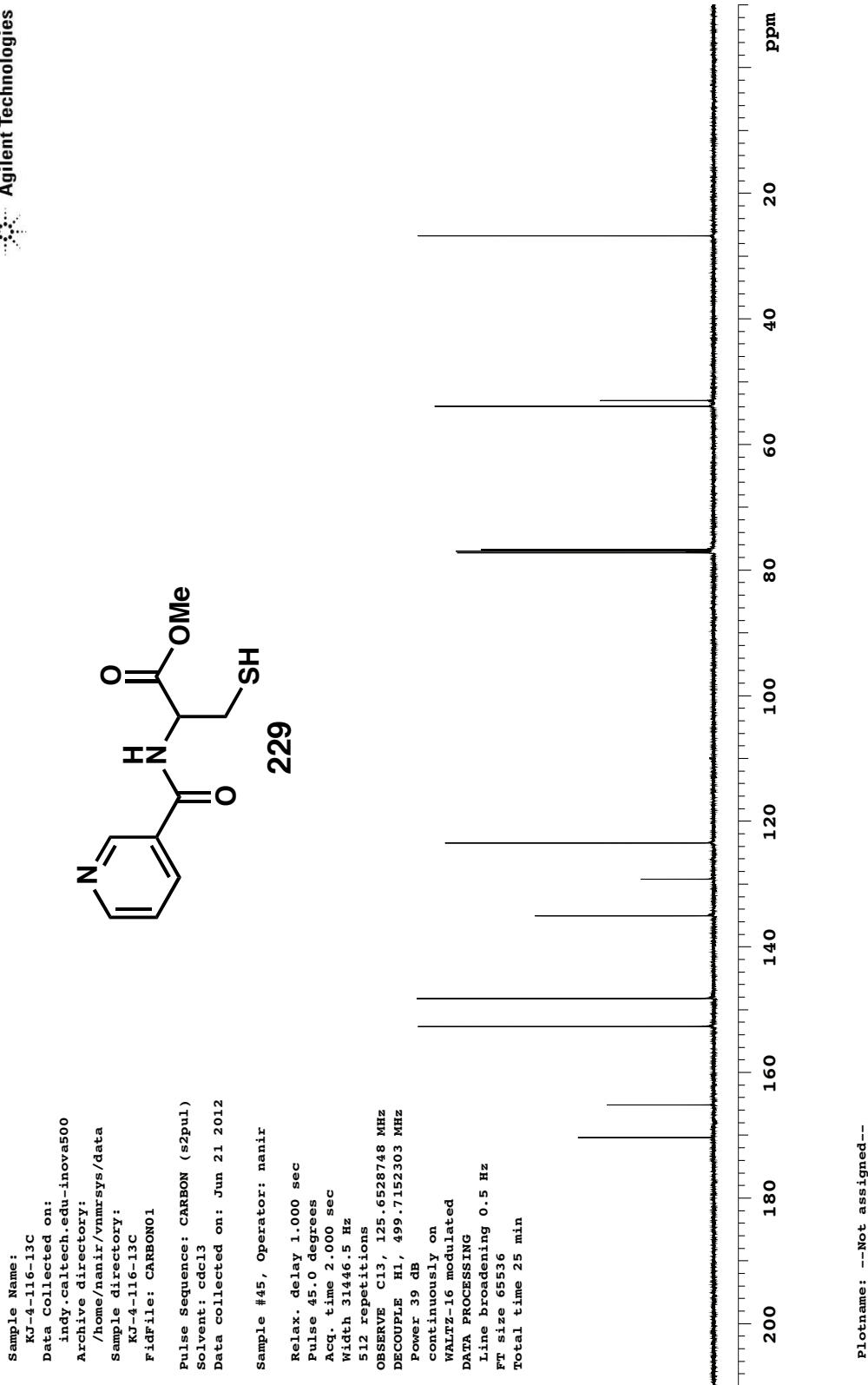
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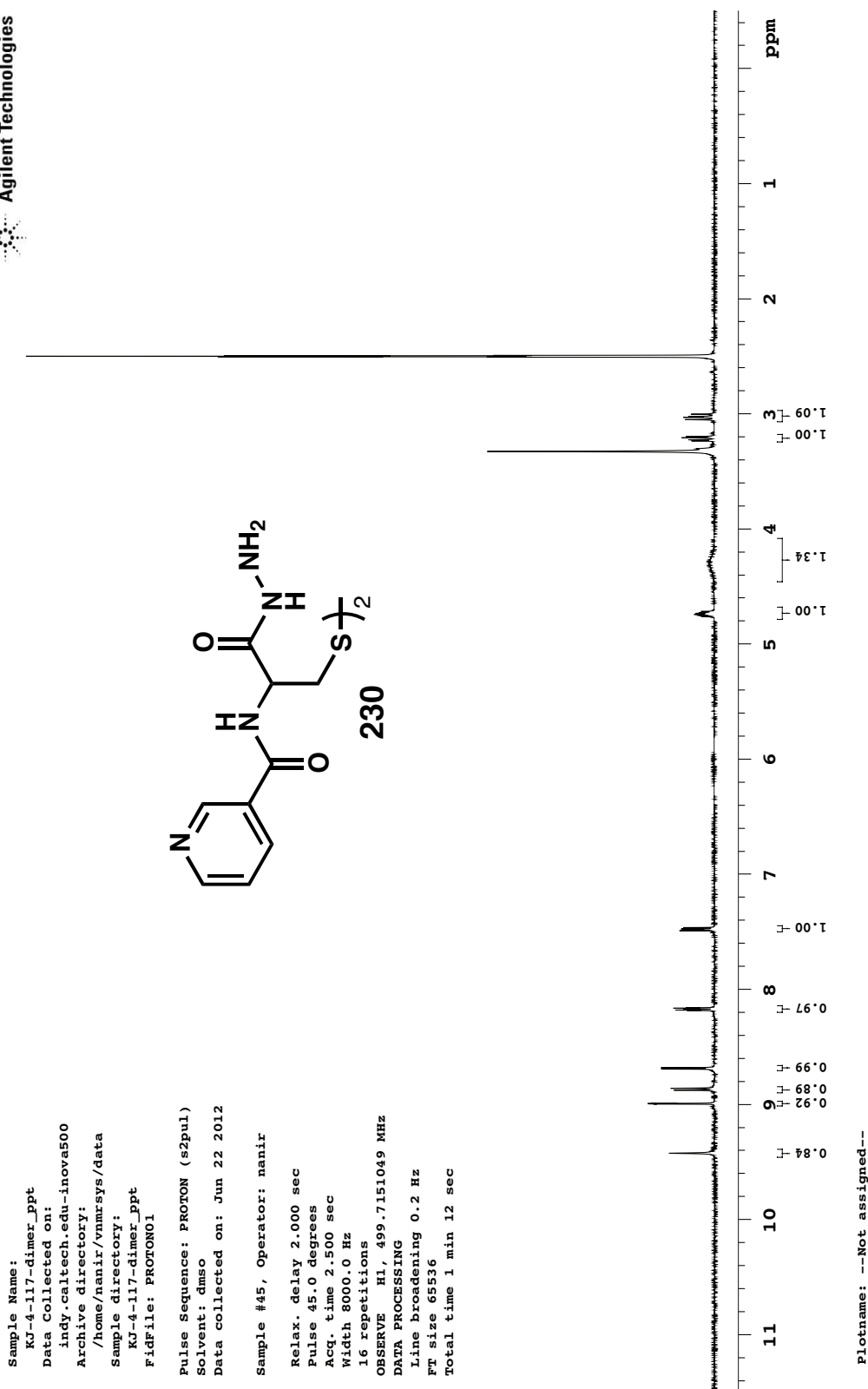
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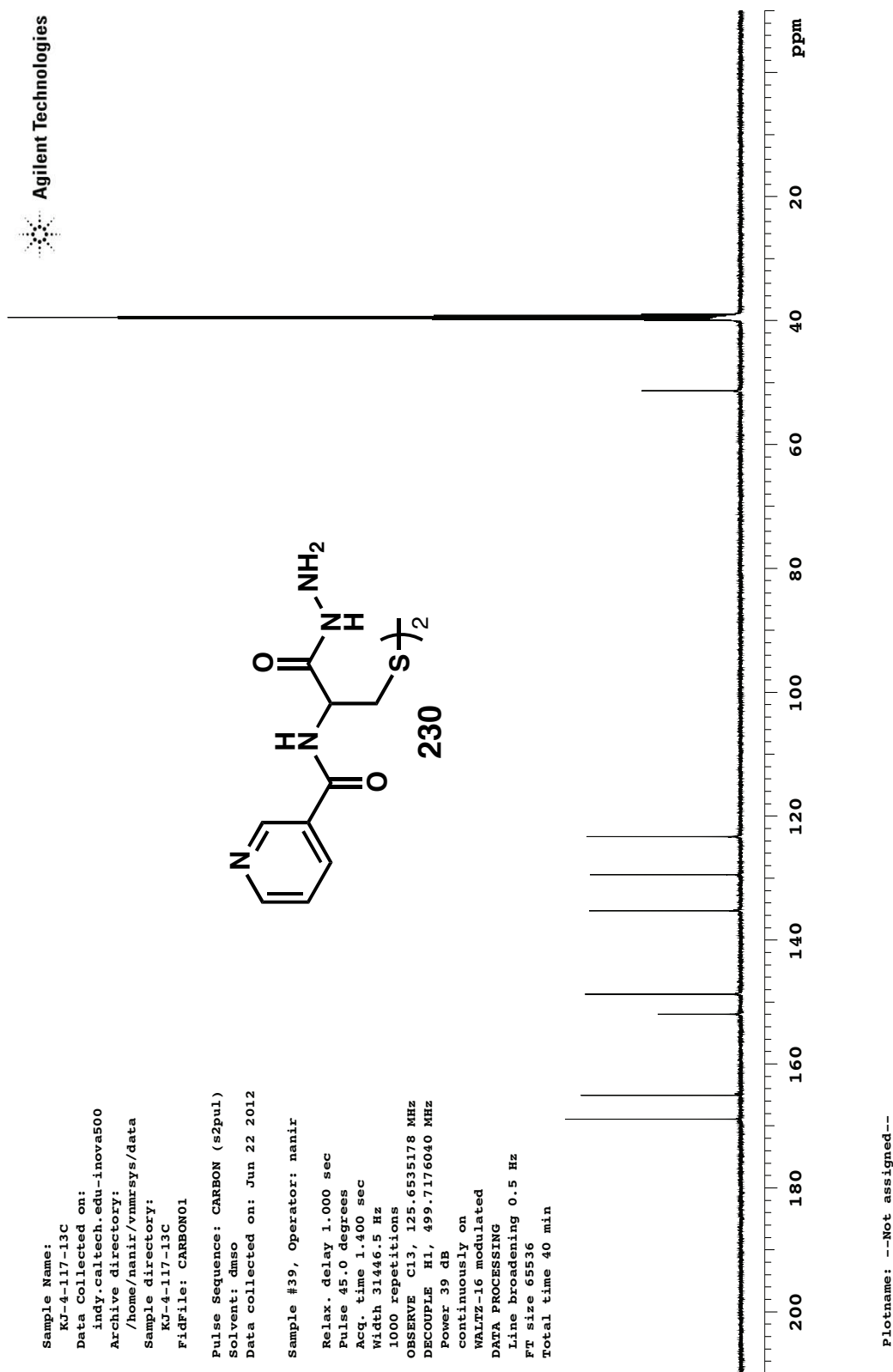
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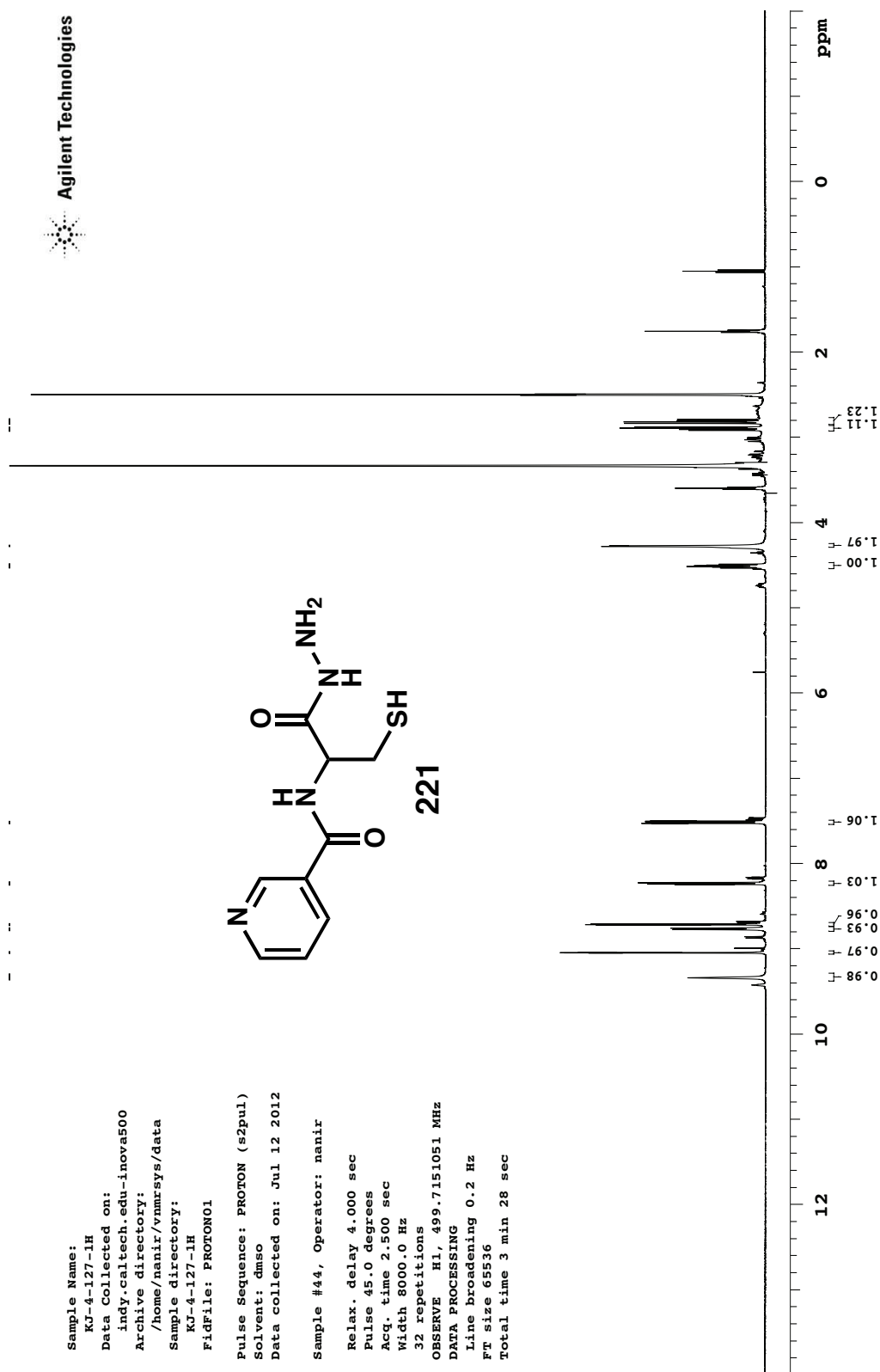
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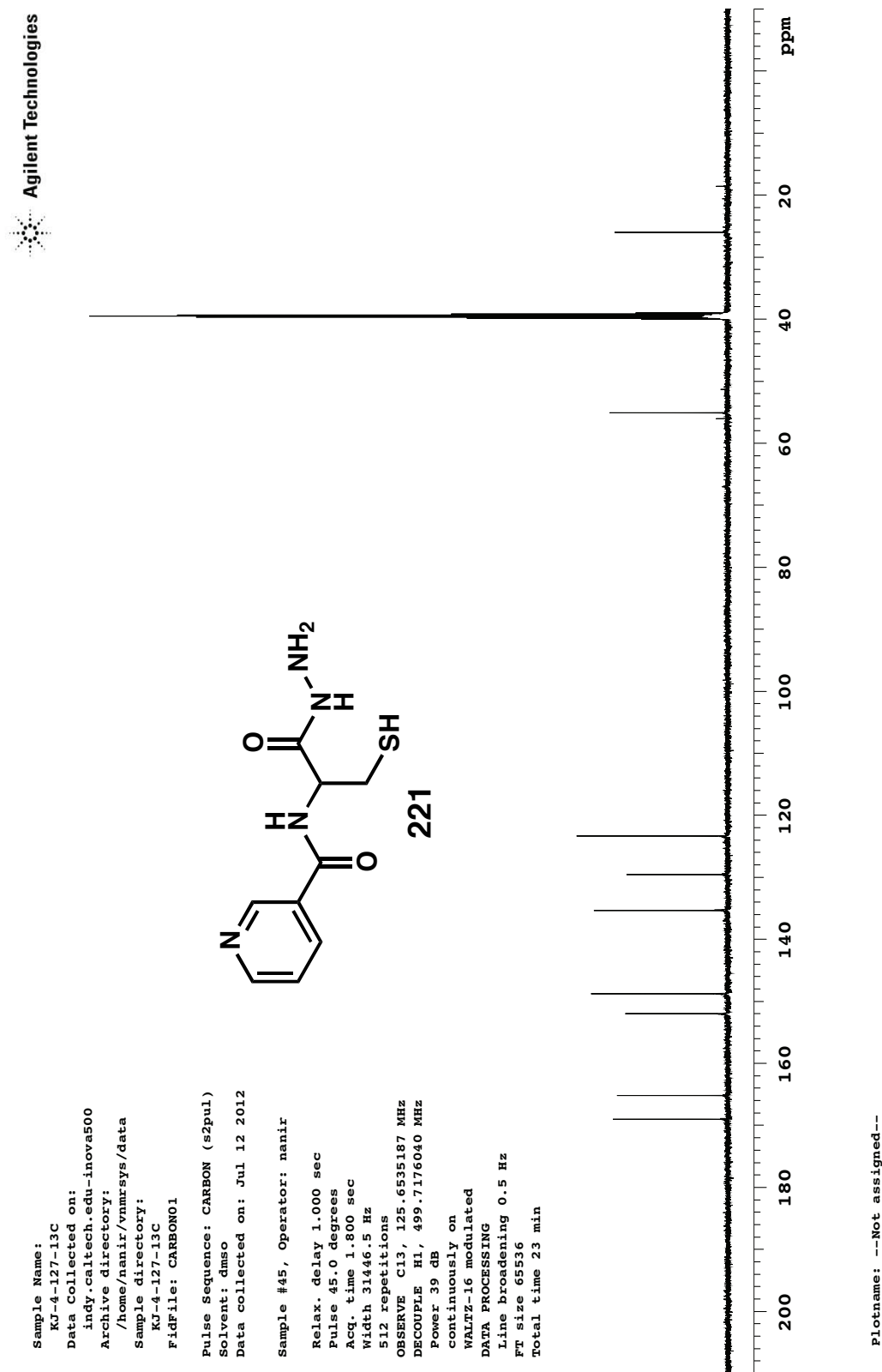












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